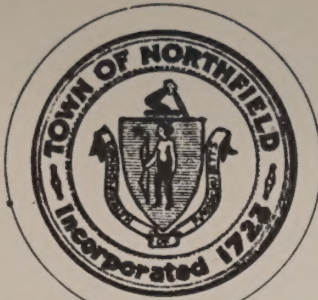


TOWN REPORT 1978



THE INCORPORATION OF NORTHFIELD AS A TOWN DATES FROM JUNE 15, 1723, AND THE FIRST TOWN MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS HELD JULY 22, 1723. PREVIOUS TO THIS DATE, BEGINNING WITH THE THIRD SETTLEMENT, IN 1714, THE TOWN OFFICERS HAD BEEN EITHER APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE PLACED IN CHARGE OF TOWN AFFAIRS BY THE GENERAL COURT OR THEIR SELECTION SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL. UNDER THE ACT OF INCORPORATION, HOWEVER, THE TOWN WAS PERMITTED TO REGULATE ITS OWN AFFAIRS. THE TOWN BEGAN TO CHOOSE SELECTMEN OR TRUSTEES IN THE YEAR 1718 WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS. BETWEEN 1725 AND 1766 THE LIST OF SELECTMEN IS INCOMPLETE FOR THE REASON THAT THE TOWN RECORDS BETWEEN THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN LOST.

Gift from
Town of DEERFIELD
to
Town of NORTHFIELD
Tercentenary Celebration
1973

BENONI MOORE 1718,20,23,24,30,32	HEMENIAH WRIGHT 1746,56	SAMUEL MERRIAM 1774,1849	ISAAC PRIOR 1823	S. S. HOLTON 1850-53	ASA A. HOLTON 1870-74,78-81	FRED W. DOANE 1916,17	WALLACE E. STANGE 1956-58
BENJAMIN WRIGHT 1718,20,23,24,30,32	JOSHUA LYMAN 1747,49,51,53,55,61,62,68	SETH LYMAN 1775,78,84,86,88,92,94,95,98,99,1805,1806	ELIHU STRATTON 1823	WILLIAM HOLTON 1850	ROSWELL HOLTON 1871,72,76-78	J. L. DUNNELL 1918	ROBERT P. BARNES 1954-60
PETER EVANS 1718,29,41	ELEAZER PATTERSON 1747,48,51	ELISHA HUNT 1776,82,85,87,92,94-97	ISAAC MATTOON 1825-27	FRANKLIN BARBER 1851	H. W. DICKINSON 1873,74	JOHN T. CALLAGHAN 1920	STANLEY WICKEY 1957-62
ISAAC WARNER 1718	BENONI WRIGHT 1748,49	ELIPHAZ WRIGHT 1778	RICHARD COLTON 1825-27	N. W. PURPLE 1852-54	SAMUEL G. PRATT 1873-78	H. H. CROSIER 1918-21	PAUL M. HAYBERRY 1960-63
BENJAMIN JAMES 1719	WILLIAM WRIGHT 1750	SAMUEL ALEXANDER 1779	ASAHIEL SAWYER 1828-30,47	S. W. DUTTON 1853-55	R. K. CALDWELL 1882-84	FRED H. DOOLITTLE 1921-23	CORYS M. HESELTON 1958-64
THOMAS HOLTON 1719	PHINEAS WRIGHT 1752,66,70,75	EBENEZER SEVERANCE 1779,83,88	THOMAS HOME 1830-32	HORACE F. FIELD 1854,62	R. C. WARD 1894,85	ERNEST C. FIELD 1898-1900,1914-16,22,23	ROBERT B. SHEARER 1962-65
ELEAZER MATTOON 1719,28,31	SAMUEL HOLTON 1752	LEMUEL HOLTON 1780	ARAD WEBSTER 1830,33,35,44,49	JONATHAN LYMAN 1855,56	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 1883-86	FRANK W. KELLOGG 1912-14,24	DWIGHT P. STEARNS 1963-69
ELIEZUR WRIGHT 1720,24,32,33	JOHN HOLTON 1753,56	JAMES LYMAN 1782,89,97,1800-04	HENRY ALEXANDER 1831	JUDAH NASH 1856	LEWIS T. WEBSTER 1863-65,76-77,81,82,86	RALPH O. LEACH 1931	HERBERT H. STREETER 1965-70
EBEN ALEXANDER 1720,23,25,32,38,39,42,49,50,51,53	THOMAS ALEXANDER 1754,71,77,83	GEORGE FIELD 1786,1818-20	BENJAMIN CALLENDER 1832	SAMUEL LANE 1857,61-64	C. A. MOULTON 1889-91	J. L. HAMMOND 1901-04	WILLIAM H. HAMLEY 1969-72
ZECHARIAH FIELD 1721,33,38,39,40,41,42	MOSES FIELD 1754,58,62	ELISHA ALEXANDER 1789,91,93,97,1860	ERASTUS FIELD 1833	THOMAS METCALF 1857	S. C. WILDES 1885,87-91	FRANK H. MONTAGUE 1905-10,25-30,32,33	STANLEY J. POWERS 1964-73
JOS. PETTY 1721,23,34	SIMEON ALEXANDER 1755,67,1807-09,11	MEDAD ALEXANDER 1790,96,1800-07,09,10,11-16,18,20,23,24	JOSIAH ALEXANDER 1833	ELISHA STRATTON 1858,59	GEORGE J. BACON 1886-94	LOUIS A. WEBBER 1934	CAROLYN B. PARENTEAU 1971-
HEZEKIAH STRATTON 1721,28,40,41,43,72,77,80,87	BILDAD ANDROS 1755	RUFUS STRATTON 1790,96,98,99	THOMAS MASON 1834	HORACE HOLTON 1861	CHARLES H. GREEN 1877,78,80,96	CHARLES A. PARKER 1913,14,24-29,34	THOMAS J. RUSSELL, JR. 1972-75
REMEMBRANCE WRIGHT 1722,49	STEPHEN BELDING 1756,58	OLIVER MATRIS 1791	HARRIS STRATTON 1834,37,48	E. G. COLE 1861	HENRY H. NASH 1897	EDWARD M. MORGAN 1930-33,35	FREDERICK J. BILLIEL 1973-75
ELEAZER HOLTON 1722	EBENEZER JAMES 1763,66,67,70,73,76,79,81,83,84,85,88,90,91,93	RUEBEN SMITH 1792	JOHN THURSTON 1835	W. L. FAY 1862	CHARLES S. STEARNS 1897	CHARLES S. TENNEY 1917-19,36,37	FERNAND A. CARON 1975-78
EBENEZER FIELD 1722	LUCIUS DOOLITTLE 1766,80	JOHN BARRETT 1793	ASAHIEL STEBBINS 1835,36,38,39	E. M. ALEXANDER 1865	CLINTON A. WARE 1887-1900	CARL L. MASON 1940-42	ALAN W. ROGERS 1975-76
JONA. BELDING 1723,25,29,35,38,39,47,57,62,63,78	SAMUEL MATTOON 1767,72,73,75,77,80,81,82,84,85,87,89,94,95	TIMOTHY B. DUTTON 1798,99,1813-17,31,36	JONA. H. BLAKE 1837	A. C. PARSONS 1866	HENRY C. HOLTON 1894-98,1901-04	HERMON B. FISHER 1938-41	EDWARD J. METCALF 1976-
AZARIAH WRIGHT 1730,35,36,37,44,45,46,50	SAMUEL ROOT 1768	WALTER FIELD 1800-04,12,31	JONA. BELCHER 1838,42,43	APOLLONIS MORGAN 1866,67	E. S. BARDWELL 1901-04	F. MYRON DUNNELL 1939,43,44	R. KENNETH LEACH 1978-
JOS. BURT 1730,34,42,43	ELEAZER POMEROY 1768	SAMUEL FIELD 1805-11,13,14	EARL WILDE 1839	HENRY JOHNSON 1867	CHARLES L. ROBBINS 1893,94,1911	FRED A. HOLTON 1920-27,34-45	
SAMUEL HUNT 1734,40,44,50,51,52,54,56,61	MEDAD POMEROY 1769	JOHN HEYERS 1808,21,22	E. ALEXANDER, JR. 1839	J. L. PRESTON 1867	SAMUEL C. HOLTON 1898-1900,1905-10	ROSS L. SPENCER 1945,46	
NATHANIEL MATTOON 1735,44,45,48,51,55	EBENEZER STRATTON 1769	ADNER SAWYER 1810	R. G. COOK 1840,41	JAMES O. GALE 1868	ARTHUR W. PROCTOR 1905-11	GEORGE H. SHELDON 1946-48	
ISAAC MATTOON 1736,52	SIMEON LYMAN 1770,81,1819	JONATHAN JAMES 1812	SIMEON A. FIELD 1840-44,46,50-52,66	JAMES E. PRIEST 1868,75	OSGOOD L. LEACH 1892,93,95,96,1911-13	ERNEST A. PARKER 1946-54	
DANIEL WRIGHT 1736,37,44	PHILLIP MATTOON 1771	HEZEKIAH MATTOON 1815,16,18,24	CHARLES OSGOOD 1845,46	CHARLES POMEROY 1869	CHARLES E. WILLIAMS 1915	GEORGE W. CARR 1928-33,1935-37,45-53	
JOHN BEAMAN 1737	ALEXANDER NORTON 1772	ELISHA LYMAN 1817,19-22,28,29	E. E. BELDING 1845-47,49,55-60,66	CLESSON MERRIAM 1869	FRED C. BRITTON 1915	LUMAN A. BARBER 1949-55	
SETH FIELD 1743,45,50,52,54,61,63,69,71,74	AARON WHITNEY 1773,80,86	JOE M. DICKINSON 1817,24-29,34,36-38,40-45,48	RUFUS CALDWELL 1847,69	GEORGE HASTINGS 1870	FRANK E. ALDRICH 1916	ELLMYR E. MILLER 1954-55	
SAMUEL SMITH 1746,49,55	ELDAD WRIGHT 1774,76	WILLIAM POMEROY 1821,22	JOS. YOUNG 1848,58,59	HENRY W. MONTAGUE 1863-65,70-72,80-82	L. A. POLHEMUS 1917	WILLIAM M. MARSHALL 1954-59	

NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORTS
of
OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

of the Town of

NORTHFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS



For the year ending
December 31, 1978

TOWN OFFICERS

May 1978 to May 1979

MODERATOR

George M. Leonard Term expires May 1979

TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field Term expires May 1979

SELECTMEN

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman Term expires May 1980
 Edward I. Metcalf Term expires May 1979
 Ralph K. Leach Term expires May 1981

ASSESSORS

Donald C. Henderson, Jr., Chairman Term expires May 1980
 William G. Roberts Term expires May 1979
 Warren E. Whitney, Clerk Term expires May 1981

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis Term expires May 1981

TREASURER

Grace T. Young Term expires May 1979

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary E. Llewelyn, Chairman Term expires May 1979
 Chadwick T. Glover Term expires May 1979
 Patricia E. Shearer Term expires May 1980
 Charles P. Rogers Term expires May 1981
 Dorothy M. Persons Term expires May 1981

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Warren W. Blake, Chairman Term expires May 1979
 Theodore G. Penick Term expires May 1981

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Richard A. Giles, Chairman Term expires May 1979
 Desmond S. Chambers Term expires May 1979
 Mary E. Metcalf Term expires May 1980
 Susan P. Roszkowski Term expires May 1980
 Jon G. McGowan Term expires May 1981
 Dorothy M. Hammond Term expires May 1981

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard H. Bassett Term expires May 1981
 Horace F. Field Term expires May 1980
 Roger E. Bassett Term expires May 1979

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett Term expires May 1979

CONSTABLES

Joseph G. Morgan Term expires May 1980
 Joseph J. DeMaria Term expires May 1980
 William J. Young Term expires May 1980
 James B. O'Shea Term expires May 1980

PLANNING BOARD

Harold A. Newton, Chairman Term expires May 1982
 John T. Callahan Term expires May 1981
 Richard G. Parsons (resigned) Term expires May 1981
 Edwin H. LaMontagne (appointed)
 John A. Hogan (Deceased) Term expires May 1980
 Helen S. Monroe Term expires May 1979

BOARD OF HEALTH

John F. Jurkowski, Chairman Term expires May 1979
 John F. Ladd (resigned) Term expires May 1980
 Alan W. Rogers (appointed)
 Grace J. Blake Term expires May 1981

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman Term expires May 1979
 Herbert H. Maynard Term expires May 1980
 Kenneth E. Jewell Term expires May 1981

RECREATION COMMISSION

Mary L. Field, Chairman Term expires May 1980
 Judith A. Flemister Term expires May 1981
 Alice E. Fortier Term expires May 1981
 Edward M. Powell, Jr. Term expires May 1981
 Samuel A. Richardson Term expires May 1979
 Raymond A. Tillson (resigned) Term expires May 1980
 Robert Roszkowski (appointed)
 Edith G. Waaser (resigned) Term expires May 1979
 Gilbert G. Rochon (appointed)

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stanley T. Wickey, Chairman Term expires July 1979
 Robert P. Johnston Term expires July 1979
 Reynold N. Henry Term expires July 1980
 Phyllis J. Derigon Term expires July 1980
 Grace L. Randall Term expires July 1981
 Charles E. Handren Term expires July 1981

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marian A. Holbrook Term expires July 1979

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Eugene L. Miller Term expires May 1979

HEALTH INSPECTOR

Eugene L. Miller Term expires May 1979

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeill Everon P. Pollen (Resigned)
Louis W. Koonz (Appointed)

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN for 1979

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler Term expires July 1981

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Ernest H. Lawrence

CAPTAIN

David G. Quinn, Sr.

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Edward Davis Dennis Williams Ernest Lawrence

CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott (resigned) Jon C. Schmitter (appointed)

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph J. DeMaria	James B. O'Shea
Dwight P. Stearns	Shirley A. Thompson
David A. Miller	Frederick I. Holton
William J. Young	James Lake, Bernardston
Eugene L. Miller	Chief
	David Gendron, Erving
	Chief

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

David G. Quinn, Sr.	Harold L. Johnson
David G. Quinn, Jr.	Edward M. Powell, Jr.
John D. Ware	Frederick G. Parker

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

David R. Gibson Term expires May 1979

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

TRUSTEE, FRED W. WELLS WILL

Gordon W. Leavis Term expires May 1982

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Warren W. Whitney
Ronald H. Laczynski
Edward Connors, Jr.
Rachel L. Yukl
Dorothy Banash

Frank S. Kelley
Domenic J. Ferrante
Robert L. Huber
Edward M. Shea, Jr.
James P. Ryan
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr. Fredd M. Fuller

Paul T. Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

Frances T. Stillman

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

1978-1979 JURY LIST

Helen F. Barber
Jean E. Callahan
Albert R. Dean
Evelyn J. Dresser
Leon H. Dunnell
Katherine F. Field
Seth H. Field
George W. Hardaker
Eileen M. Huber
Kenneth E. Jewell
Arthur E. Knapp
Alfred O. LaBelle
Richard Y. Lai
May F. Lanphear
Theda M. Hanrahan
William D. Ross
Martha C. Peterson
Mary Ann Wozniak
Walter Wozniak

Elizabeth G. Mayberry
Paul M. Mayberry
Ruth E. McGuire
Rita C. Medeiros
Bettina E. Otto
Shirley C. Parker
Grace L. Randall
Eleanor B. Stange
Ruth R. Stebbins
Helen L. Thompson
Antonio P. Tosi
Ellen C. Tosi
Evelyn U. True
Edith G. Waaser
Mary-Louise Wallace
Warren E. Whitney
Edith L. Williams
Robin K. Woodard

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John A. Hogan (Deceased)	Term expires May 1981
Agnes G. Caron (appointed)	
Edith L. Williams	Term expires May 1981
Doris S. Balk	Term expires May 1979

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale
Helen M. Greene
Mychaeline H. Skinner

Ann P. James
Helen M. Stearns
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
(resigned)

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Dolores R. Avery
Evelyn J. Dresser

Dorena G. Johnson
Janet L. Mroczek

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Gordon E. Derrig

Term expires June 1979

WIRING INSPECTOR

Joseph A. Girard

Term expires Dec. 1979

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES

Frank S. Turner

Term expires Dec. 1979

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rosa S. Johnston, Chairman
Ann Graves
Alice Kiablick
Terry Hunter

Term expires June 1980
Term expires June 1980
Term expires June 1980
Term expires June 1979

Bruce Canney (appointed)

Grace Randall

Term expires June 1979

Stanley J. Powers

Term expires June 1981

Doris S. Balk (resigned)

Term expired June 1978

Ray Thompson (appointed-deceased)

Term expires June 1981

BOARD OF APPEALS

Desmond S. Chambers, Chairmar
Stanley Gorzocoski
Evelyn U. True
Robert G. Barnes
Edward C. Bolton
Alvin H. Scott, Associate Member
Ralph K. Leach (resigned) "

Term expires Dec. 1980
Term expires Dec. 1979
Term expires Dec. 1983
Term expires Dec. 1982
Term expires Dec. 1981
Term expires Dec. 1979
Term expires Dec. 1979

Edward D. Shearer (appointed)

Theodore G. Penick, Associate Member

Term expires Dec. 1979

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Desmond S. Chambers, Chairman
Stanley Gorzocoski
Evelyn U. True
Robert G. Barnes
Edward C. Bolton
Alvin H. Scott, Associate Member
Theodore G. Penick, " "
Ralph K. Leach (resigned) "

Term expires Jan. 1980
Term expires Jan. 1979
Term expires Dec. 1983
Term expires Dec. 1982
Term expires Jan. 1981
Term expires Dec. 1979
Term expires Dec. 1979
Term expires Dec. 1979

Edward D. Shearer (appointed)

PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

Desmond S. Chambers, Chairman
Stanley Gorzocoski
Evelyn U. True
Robert G. Barnes
Edward C. Bolton
Alvin H. Scott, Associate Member
Theodore G. Penick, " "
Ralph K. Leach (resigned) "

Term expires Jan. 1980
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Term expires Dec. 1979

Edward D. Shearer (appointed)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Elizabeth V. Giles, Chairman
Harold A. Briesmaster
Raymond J. Parenteau
Sarah Gurvitch
Gilbert G. Rochon
Charles P. Rogers

Term expires May 1979
Term expires May 1979
Term expires May 1979
Term expires May 1980
Term expires May 1981
Term expires May 1981

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

Ronald R. Findlay
Harold A. Newton, Chairman
Richard G. Parsons
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Reynold N. Henry

Term expires April 1, 1979
Term expires April 1, 1980
Term expires April 1, 1981
Term expires April 1, 1982
Term expires April 1, 1983

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Dwight P. Stearns, Chairman
Frank S. Kelley
Gerald Stebbins (resigned)
William C. Walker, Jr. (appointed)

Term expires July , 1981
Term expires July , 1980
Term expires July , 1979

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lewis Wood, Chairman
Frederick Billiel, Vice-Chairman
Virginia Leach, Secretary
Christine Lai, Treasurer
Annette C. Jordan
Sophie Servaes
Agnes Wickey
Warren Billings
Leon Dunnell
Helen Greene

Term expires Nov. 28, 1981
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MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY

SENATORS IN CONGRESS:

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy (D)
Hyannis Port, Ma. 02647
2400 A John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, Ma. 02203
Old Senate Office Building, Rm. 431, Washington, D.C. 20510
The Honorable Paul E. Tsongas (D)
80 Mansur St., Lowell, Ma. 02152
2003 F John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, Ma. 02203
Old Senate Office Building, Rm. 437, Washington, D.C. 20510

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS:

The Honorable Silvio O. Conte (R)
49 Blythewood Dr., Pittsfield, Ma. 01201
Federal Building, 78 Center St., Pittsfield, Ma. 01201
650 Dwight St., Holyoke, Ma. 01040
2426 Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

MEMBERS OF GENERAL COURT:

Sen. John W. Oliver (D) 1333 West St., Amherst, Ma. 01002
Sen. Robert D. Wetmore (D) Hubbardston Rd., Barre, Ma. 01005

REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2nd FRANKLIN DISTRICT: (for Northfield)

Rep. William D. Benson (D) 12 Church Rd., Leverett, Ma. 01054

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1978 proved to be a busy and eventful year, with the town's steady growth, improved services, and without overburdening our taxpayers.

Besides administering the town's responsibilities we have been able to grade and seed the Slate property, providing additional parking space on the south side of the Town Hall.

We have kept moving forward on getting State action on the Schell Bridge project to be Federally funded.

Our continuing efforts in maintaining and improving the Town Hall have shown an increased use in the facility, the latest users being the Senior Citizens who now have three meal meetings a week.

Our town records are in good order, the result of three years of intensive labor by the O.C.I.P Committee (obtain, catalog, index and preserve), and with the professional expertise of Andrew Raymond of the New England Document Conservation Center, Andover, Massachusetts.

The Town Hall boiler room has undergone extensive repairs with relocation of the sump pump and masonry work, in a continuing effort to conserve energy.

Our new highway working Superintendent, David Gibson, is maintaining a progressive program in repairing culverts, bridges and our town roads. We feel his efforts will be more evident as the months go by.

Our new Police Chief, Jon Schmitter, has carried out his responsibilities in a professional manner. We are pleased with his ability in planning to recruit and train younger men for the Police Department.

The Channing L. Bete, Inc. relocation proposal aroused our towns' interests enough that a Special Town Meeting was called on August 1, 1978 to formulate and give the Selectmen the authority to appoint an Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA), in accord with Chapter 40D of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Also, it was voted to establish an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) as authorized by Chapter 121C of the Massachusetts General Laws, and voted that the membership of such EDIC be appointed by the Selectmen of the Town, in accord with the provisions of said Chapter 121C.

The Selectmen appointed five IDFA members; one member to be experienced in financial matters; one in real estate; one in town or city government; the other two members are appointed at the discretion of the Selectmen, and they all must be residents of the Town.

Certification was received from the State Secretary stating that the IDFA has been established and the directors thereof have been appointed according to the law.

A municipal Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA) has the authority to process and negotiate applications for indus-

trial revenue bonds.

As for (EDIC) Economic Development and Industrial Corporation membership, the Selectmen have taken no action until Erving Town Meeting votes to form a consolidated EDIC, Northfield/Erving.

These are some of the accomplishments for the year, achieved by the participation and cooperation from many of our town citizens and employees.

In conclusion, we wish to thank our various Boards, Committees, Commissions, and elected officials for their effort in making Northfield a better community.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Edward I. Metcalf
Ralph K. Leach

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NORTHFIELD INFORMATION:

Town Hall Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Dickinson Memorial Library Hours: Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sanitary Landfill Hours: Monday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Closed
Wednesday-3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday- Closed
Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Christmas & Memorial Day - Closed.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Northfield Police Department - 498-5509
Northfield Fire Department - 498-5521
Kidder Ambulance - 498-5359
Public Health Nurse - 498-5069

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Since May of 1978 I have been in charge of the Highway Department, and the following projects have been started or completed:

Mt. Hermon Station Road: Seven catch basins were installed to improve needed drainage, especially in the VFW building area, and have performed well. Approximately one mile was paved, along with necessary driveways; two miles of shoulders were graded and seeded.

Linden Avenue: Brush cut, shoulders cut back for better drainage, then graveled and shaped, oiled and stoned; finish coat in the Spring.

South Mountain Road, Route 63 to end of tarred section: Shoulders were cut back and cleaned, 253 feet of culverts replaced, 130 tons of blacktop was used to level road surface, then oiled and stoned.

Cut Back Shoulders: Five miles of old roads have been treated.

Culverts:

30 ft. 72"x44" culvert installed at Beaman's, Four Mile Brook Road.

60 ft. of 6 ft. culvert installed on Highland Ave., to be blacktopped in the Spring.

36 ft. of 58"x36" culvert installed at Stillman's, Pine Meadow Road.

2 30 ft. culvert 24" installed on Old Wendell Road.

Bridges repaired: Old Vernon Road with blacktop approaches; Orange-Whitshed Road; Pine Meadow Road with blacktop approaches, shoulders rip-rapped; Four-Mile Brook Road with black top approaches.

The new 1-ton pickup truck was received on January 26, 1979 and put into immediate use with excellent results. We are pleased.

Objectives for next year:

South Mountain Road, Rte. 63 end of tar to Four-Mile Brook Road: culvert replacement, shoulder preparation, gravel, oil and stone.

South Mountain Road, Gulf Road end, replace culverts, excavate road for gravel base, oil and stone.

Continue Chapter 356 construction on Mt. Hermon Station Road, request State to include Gulf Road under Chapter 356.

Survey and lay out Luckey Clapp Road, cut back shoulders, gravel where needed, prepare for drainage and culverts, oil and stone.

Four-Mile Brook Road, repair road including two bridges so entire road can be traversed by fire equipment.

Pentecost Road, oil and stone, finish.

Cut back shoulders on old roads, 5 miles: Northfield Farms Road, Upper and Lower; Birnam Road and East Northfield Road.

Equipment needed: New Diesel dump truck G.V.W. 35000, to replace 1971 International truck with spreader. This truck has had a history of trouble since new. It is too light for the needed work.

We have tried to be responsive to highway needs. If you, the taxpayers, will furnish us with equipment and materials, we will do the work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men of the Department for their help and cooperation since May of 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gibson
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

SEWER COMMISSIONERS REPORT

This year we put in six (6) manholes to further the testing procedure for the infiltration and inflow study. We anticipate that all new provisions of the EPA will be complied with so we may start the sewer sealing work and have the plant in compliance with state and federal specs all the time.

The sewer plant machinery etc. have been in operation a few years now and normal wear will eventually take a larger bite out of our budget. This year we have spent approximately \$1500 that was not planned. We have been able to make some substantial savings in some areas of our operating costs. Instead of having a surplus, the extra maintenance will use up the funds. In no way will we be able to continue with some of these cost saving methods.

Our new NEDPS permit has been tentatively approved, - this will allow another five (5) years of dumping the effluent in the Connecticut River, within certain limitations.

All in all, we are pleased with the cost, our plant operation, and the quality of maintenance and cosmetic appearance at the facility.

For those of you people that have never been down to the plant, stop - there are no offensive odors and the operators would be pleased to show you around and to explain the operation at any time. We think the facility at both the plant and laboratory are maintained at a standard you would want if it were your own.

The East Street interceptor: State and Federal funds are not available at this time. It appears approximately 3-4 years from now money will be available, then we can proceed with construction. The only other way would be through the FHA. We could apply for a 50% grant then finance the balance at 5% interest. This would be too costly in our view - your input on this matter would be very welcome.

Our business meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman
Herbert Maynard
Kenneth Jewell

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 1978 saw a change in the Chief's position in the Police Department. With this change there have been some changes in the manner in which information is gathered. This may account for a rise in the number of incidents that the Department has been involved in.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the community for the assistance they have given me during the transition period. I would further like to express my thanks for assistance given to my family. It is impossible for me to repay the members of the Police Department for the cooperation, attention to duty, and assistance given to me during this learning period. The members of the Police Department have earned my respect for their very professional attitude in the manner in which they perform their police duties.

In keeping with the professional police attitude, one member of the department has graduated and three other members are currently enrolled in the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council's Special Police Officer's Training Academy. This provides the officers with a stronger background in basic police work. Once graduated, the officers will be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The department ordered a new cruiser during the year, and the successful bidder was Spencer Ford. The new cruiser should be in operation early in 1979. In addition, the department was notified that they would be getting an excess vehicle from the U. S. Government. This vehicle is a 4-wheel drive, pickup type vehicle, to be used as a joint Police/Fire/Civil Defense vehicle. The departments' plans for the vehicle is to extend the patrol capabilities of the department to areas inaccessible to the normal sedan vehicle. To coincide with this, the communications capabilities of the department have been expanded by the securing of a Citizen's Band Radio, from the Massachusetts Office of Civil Defense, and the addition of the Fire Department radio and telephone to the Police Department office in the Town Hall. I contacted the members of the Snowmobile Club in town; along with the members of the National Ski Patrol at the Mountain Project; and the members of the Fire Department, to establish the necessary communications for activating a coordinated rescue effort, should one be necessary. The necessary call lists are currently being incorporated into an operational manual for the department.

The following statistics indicate the increasing number of service calls placed on the police.

POLICE ACTIVITIES FOR 1978

Total Recorded Calls..... 2699

Animal calls	132	Missing Persons	14
Ambulance assist	22	Assist to outside agencies	575
House check requests	65	Miscellaneous	1725
Registration checks	117	M/V accidents	62

Suspicious persons	71	Criminal calls	110
Wrecker requests	25	M/V citations	131
Motor vehicle complaints	108	Family Disturbances	18
Value of property stolen:		Value of property recovered:	
\$74,812.		\$12,528.	

Respectfully submitted,

Jon C. Schmitter
CHIEF OF POLICE

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Last year the Northfield Fire Department responded to a total of 73 emergency calls which were as follows:

Structural Fires	5
Electrical Fires	6
Chimney Fires	9
Brush Fires	20
Vehicle Fires	3
Vehicle Accidents	9
Smoke Investigations	4
Arson Investigations	2
Mutual Aid Calls	6
False Alarms	1
Dump Fires	2
Miscellaneous Calls	6
Total Calls	73

Included in the above statistics are two major fires which the Department battled. The Trinitarian Congregational Church fire on January 21st and the once Youth Hostel/Commune on March 1st. Both structures were very old and the fires had a chance to progress before the Fire Department was notified. Upon arrival to both fires, heavy flames were present. The volume of fire and the lack of water contributed to these drastic losses in Northfield's history.

The town received its new fire truck on September 30th. It is a Maxim 1250 GPM pumper with a 1000 gallon water tank. During the time when the bid was awarded and the truck delivered, the truck committee met a number of times to review the progress of the apparatus, and on three occasions traveled at their own time and expense to Maxim Industries in Middleboro, Mass. Upon delivery, the truck was thoroughly checked and tested to make sure it conformed to the specifications. I would like at this time to thank the members of the truck committee for all their time and diligence in acquiring a truck best suited for the Town of Northfield.

Following a severe accident on Route 10, a fund drive was initiated for the "Jaws of Life" by the Lions Club. Through the good will of the people and the work of the Lions Club, the "Jaws" were turned over to the Department in February. At this time, fire, police and ambulance personnel are trained in the use of this unique extrication tool.

In order to provide quicker response to fires, many members have purchased their own pocket receivers at \$200 a unit. These receivers enable them to be in constant reach of the Fire Department via our two-way radio. In addition, we have updated our fire phone and radio systems with the installations of a remote base at my home, and a fire phone and remote base at the town secretary's office in the Town Hall. On the receipt of a fire call, the message is transmitted by radio to the men, wherever they may be. This system has proven itself to be much quicker than telephoning each man individually.

In Fire Station repairs, the new oil burner was installed by the men and myself. It has already shown a considerable decrease in oil consumption. Enough so, that it should pay for itself in this heating season alone. Also a floor survey was done on the apparatus room floor, concerning the weight upon it. The floor is in good condition, and a recommendation as to the placement of apparatus was followed.

This past year has seen some tragic fires in Northfield. The men spent countless hours on hose lines in sub-freezing temperatures and unselfishly took risks in combating these fires. Though we are classified as a Call/Volunteer Department, the actions and dedication of these men is outstanding. I would like to thank the officers and men for the fine job they have done this year, and say I am proud to serve as their Chief. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Department and Highway Department for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd M. Dunnell, III
FIRE CHIEF

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Last year a total of 215 burning permits were issued in the Town of Northfield. This increase in permits is a direct result from the extended burning period set forth by the State. Open burning is allowed in the State of Massachusetts, in this area from January 15 to March 15, with a permit.

We had 20 brush fires this past year. That is double the amount we had for the previous year. The dry conditions that prevailed through the area contributed to the increase. Also as in years past, we were plagued with fires set by passing trains, primarily by the B & M Railroad.

I would like to thank my Deputy Wardens for their assistance at fires and in assisting me in issuing permits during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd M. Dunnell, III
FOREST FIRE WARDEN

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

The Public Safety Inspector is responsible for fire safety conditions in all public buildings, public and private schools.

Fire drills were conducted in all the schools in the town.

All buildings were inspected for the condition of fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, and clear egress including fire escapes.

Inspections were made of all new residences for their installation of smoke detectors, and the proper installation of heating equipment.

I would like to take this time to remind all those people who have installed battery type smoke detectors in their existing homes, that their investment is worthless unless the batteries are replaced annually.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd M. Dunnell, III
PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

During the year 1978 there were 19 wiring permits issued and inspections were made.

Inspection requests by Camp Northfield and the Boy Scouts were honored. A review of the proposed Trinitarian Church plans was made and accepted.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Gordon Derrig, Building Commissioner, and Mrs. Shirley Thompson for their cooperation during my first year as the Wiring Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Girard
WIRING INSPECTOR

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1978. This past year, 46 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of dead wood along some of the streets.

Last spring and fall, 14 trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, V.F.W. Hall, West Northfield Playground flagpole, Fire Station, and on stumps.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Bassett
TREE WARDEN

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 54 diseased Elm trees were removed. There were 41 samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 41 trees were found positive, and they should be removed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Bassett
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT

For the year Jan. 1, 1978 to Dec. 31, 1978

Building Permits issued - 73
Certificate of Inspection Permits issued - 43
Fees Waived - 4
Demolitions - 7

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Certificate of Inspection Permits		\$809.00
New Dwellings	\$228,000.00	233.00
Additions, Alterations & Repairs	67,000.00	157.00
Misc. Sheds, Barns, etc.	6,065.00	90.00
Swimming Pools	9,300.00	20.00
Demolitions		90.00
Commercial Buildings	33,650.00	84.00
Chimneys & Fireplace Repairs	510.00	20.00
Resident Garages	4,900.00	28.00
Special Business Permits		0
Total Costs & Fees	\$349,435.00	\$1,531.00

Property & Permit Inspections - 143
Court Case Appearances - 0
Special Monthly Meetings at Shelburne Falls - 9
Special Meetings at Town Hall with State & Local Officials - 3
Inspections made with State Inspector - 3
Regular Saturday and Wednesday Office Hours at Town Hall - 102

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon E. Derrig
BUILDING COMMISSIONER

REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board conducted two public hearings involving two applications for Special Permits during 1978. Of these, one application was granted and one was denied.

Respectfully submitted,

Members:

Robert G. Barnes
Edward C. Bolton
Stanley Gorzocoski
Evelyn U. True
Desmond S. Chambers, Chairman

Associate Members:

Theodore G. Penick
Alvin H. Scott
Edward Shearer

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT -- 1978

With the completion and distribution of the Northfield Master Plan in 1977, 1978 was a year of monitoring further implementation of the plan.

Other activities of concern to the Board was the review of property purchases and building permits, analysis and updating of Zoning By-Laws as dictated by Chapter 808; investigations into the feasibility of establishing some type of housing for the Elderly, Chapter 667, and finally, a review of Town property that falls into the category of Flood Zoning relative to wetlands and waterways.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A. Newton, Chairman
John T. Callahan
Helen S. Monroe
Edwin M. LaMontagne

NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

As Dog Officer of Northfield, I find myself suddenly confronting people - apparently educated, who won't obey the law. They also don't know that every dog must wear a license, due in March. In some cases, the owner wears the license - not the dog! The dog may be left loose in any weather to roam the town, while the owner is at work. If these people enjoy cleaning up after their dogs - their neighbors do not!

Eight pet dogs were killed in the road this year whose owners insisted that they had to run. Our leash law states the dog must be under the control of the owner, or on his property, and licensed. The fine is doubled each time, but in many cases, the dog vanished, to die painful of injuries - or worse, by vivisection. There are six licensed dealers in this area who regularly picked up truck loads of dogs for this purpose. May I ask your help to save these animals from suffering.

Dogs picked up	66
Dogs returned to owners, or sold - (all licensed)	40
Dogs put down	24
Dog bites	11
Dogs found dead	8
Cats found & put down	28

Please call me at once if your animals are missing; free-running dogs that are not missed for days cannot be traced, and if injured will have died from exposure.

The following was published by the Board of Selectmen on June 12, 197

'TO ALL DOG OWNERS OF NORTHFIELD:

All dogs must be restrained at all times. Any dogs running at large in violation of Northfield's year-round leash law will be disposed of by the Dog Officer.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1978:

There will be an additional \$5.00 charge for any dogs not licensed by June 1, 1978. There will also be a \$10.00 pickup fine for any dogs caught running at large, payable by the owner or keeper before said dog is returned, and fines will be doubled for each consecutive pickup of the same dog.

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Edward I. metcalf
Ralph K. Leach'

I am grateful to those who have helped me.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances T. Stillman
DOG OFFICER

The Northfield Conservation Commission held its regular meetings on the third Monday of each month, and had additional meetings as they became necessary.

The highlight of the year was the receipt of a grant of \$450.00 from the Franklin Conservation District, the money to be used to develop foot trails and erect signs, fences and benches on King Philip's Hill, in the hope that more people will enjoy this site.

The Commission calls the attention of the townspeople to the Wetlands Protection Act, as revised in 1978, which provides that "Any person who shall remove, fill, dredge, or alter any bank, freshwater wetland, coastal wetland, beach, dune, flat, marsh, meadow, or swamp bordering on the ocean, estuary, creek, river, stream, pond or lake, or land under said waters, or any land subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding, or any land within 100 feet of the edge of any of the above areas shall file a Notice of Intent.... with the Conservation Commission in the town or city where the work is to be done."

The new Agricultural Preservation Restriction Act is also to be administered, at the local level, by the Conservation Commission. Applications for state purchase of these restrictions are now available from the Commission.

The Commission voted to join the Connecticut River Watershed Council because of interest in the proposed diversion of water to the Quabbin Reservoir. Also, Ms. Marjorie Sackett, Executive Director for the Citizens Advisory Committee on the proposed diversion was invited to come to speak at a public meeting at the Town Hall in November.

Another public meeting, sponsored by the Conservation Commission, brought consultants from the Army Corps of Engineers to explain their studies concerning erosion of the banks of the Connecticut River, and to suggest methods to help preserve the river banks.

A public hearing was held in July regarding the application of Ms. Catherine Woolner to develop a pond near her home on Four Mile Brook Road. The site was viewed by Commission members and the application approved, with certain restrictions.

Commission members, together with Selectmen Parenteau and Leach, visited the Old Turnpike Road property of Bruce Jones, where a slight change in the drainage pattern near the proposed house site was in question. It was decided that there would be no adverse effects on the brook or adjacent land and that no public hearing was necessary.

Two previously issued permits were renewed. One of these was for the boat ramp at Pauchaug Meadow. The other was for proposed drainage improvements (by the Commonwealth) on old Route 10, the work to be completed by October 30, 1979.

The Commission expresses its thanks for cooperation from the Selectmen and other committees with which it has worked during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Giles, Chairman
Raymond J. Parenteau, Sec.
Harold Briesmaster
Sarah Gurvitch
Robert Graves
Gilbert G. Rochon
Charles Rogers
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT
NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission meets every other Thursday, 7:30 at the Library. The public is always welcomed.

With the help of the Tennis Club, we ran our first 6-mile road race this year with 40 runners registering. Senior citizen arthritic exercises were conducted.

A summer director, a playground director and 5 aides were hired to implement our summer programs which included:

Swimming instruction
water ballet
preschool and parent swim
Tennis instruction and tournaments
Sunday evening family movies
Teen job placement service
Preschool story hour
Grades 1-6 summer playground

Our summer playground consisted of 2 days a week of crafts, sports and new games. One day a week was a special events day when artists, (example - weaver), were introduced. Two days a week camping skills were taught. A trip to Mt. Park and a play, Colors, were highlights of the program.

Fall and winter programs were Family Swim, Wednesday evening gym for adults, Community Carol Sing and Puppet Show, and womens cross-country ski lessons. With the aid of the Tennis Club, the Winter Carnival and Snowball Dance were possible. We regret that due to dry conditions in the fall, the Dickinson skating pond was not in operation this winter.

We have been working on an extended recreational area to the Center School grounds. Clearing, sewer line work, and fill are the first concerns.

We would like to thank William Giles, Randy Foster, Ray Tillson, Edith Waaser and Margaret Zabko for their many hours of work while serving on the Commission. We would also like to thank all employees,

volunteers, town businesses, the schools, the Library, and the Kiwanis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Field, Chairman
Judy Flemister
Alice Fortier
Ted Powell
Sam Richardson
Gil Rochon
Robert Roszkowski
RECREATION COMMISSION

Report of the
NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The historic inventory of local buildings and structures continued with the help of the Northfield Fortnightly Heritage Committee and the Inventory Team from the Franklin County Arts Council. To date, forms have been completed on 135 buildings on Main Street, 25 in Northfield Farms, 5 in West Northfield, 6 on Northfield Mountain, 10 in Center Northfield, plus 22 East Northfield buildings. Twenty-three Monuments were registered and South Mountain Cemetery was studied and recorded, for the Commission, by Pack 9, Den 3 of Northfield Cub Scouts.

An exhibit case was placed in the Town Hall. It will be the scene of a variety of exhibits of historical interest.

During National Historic Preservation Month the Commission is cooperating with the Northfield Historical Society in an retrospective exhibition of the Stearns Family of Builders - their work and life style. During the year the Commission acted as liason to Ms. Margaret Bleecker, Historic Deerfield Intern, on a special research project on the Stearns Account and Day Books. This study, A Survey of Calvin Stearns Houses in Northfield, Massachusetts, is the basis for one of the lectures at the Stearns Exhibition in Dickinson Memorial Library.

The Commission would also like to express its gratitude to Mr. Dean Williams for the gift of an 1871 Beers Atlas and an 1899 publication, Picturesque Northfield, for their research files.

The main effort of the Commission this past year has been in the completion of the National Register of Historic Places application for Main Street. If accepted by the National Park Service, this designation will gain recognition for Main Street Northfield as an important state and national cultural resource. It also carries with it the potential for financial support for restoration and adaptation of structures. These benefits are complimentary to the benefits available under the local Historic District

designation being sought at Town Meeting by a special Historic District Study Committee.

For the Commission,
Rosa Johnston, Chairman
Grace Randall, Sec.
Ann Graves, Treas.
Bruce Canney
Alice Kiablick
Stanley Powers

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Report of the

NORTHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Northfield Historic District Study Committee has four purposes:

1. To preserve and protect the distinctive characteristics of the significant buildings and places in our history
2. To maintain and improve the settings of those buildings and places
3. To foster new designs compatible with existing buildings in the district
4. To encourage commercial development, Pathway to Tomorrow, Northfield's Master Plan anticipated this need
"The most effective way to preserve the visual qualities of Northfield's historic areas is through designation as an Historic District. This step is felt essential if commercial development is to increase in an acceptable manner in the most concentrated area of historical and architectural heritage."

The preservation of this unique area in our community can:

1. Provide our townspeople with a continuing sense of our history
2. Limit the destruction and disintegration of our historical and architectural legacies
3. Assure that these existing treasures may be enjoyed by future generations

An historic district is considered a protective by-law:

1. It is not intended to regulate the use of any property
2. It will not prevent new construction nor new enterprise
3. It is concerned only with the exterior of any building seen from a public way

MOST IMPORTANT IT IS A LOCAL DECISION, ADMINISTERED BY A LOCALLY APPOINTED BOARD OF LOCAL PEOPLE. In other words, Northfield will be in charge of its own MAIN STREET DESTINY.

The members of the Northfield Historic District Study Committee spent a year in review and study of Northfield Main Street. The Northfield Fortnightly Heritage Committee, over a four-year period, inventoried and recorded information and data on every primary structure on the street.

The boundaries were studied by the Historic District Study Committee. The final decision to include the entire street - Millers Brook to Pauchaug - was unanimous. It is historically correct and expresses the essence of our town to residents and visitors alike.

On Main Street there are 135 primary structures
109 dwelling houses
16 businesses (minus one at this date)
4 churches (one in process)
6 public buildings

Included in this number are
1 3-story building
81 2-story buildings
27 1 or 1½ story buildings

Of these 14 are 18th century
68 are 19th century
53 are 20th century in design.

Northfield residents have great pride in their town. Just as the settlers made a plan, we today need to make a plan for the future. The creation of an historic district for the full length of our street will be the means to achieve PROTECTION and PRESERVATION. It will give LOCAL DIRECTION and LOCAL DECISION to the development of our town.

We urge you to vote YES on the town meeting article to establish an HISTORIC DISTRICT for Main Street Northfield.

Members of the Committee

Margaret Asseng
Hubert Eastman
Ruth Ellison
Alice Kiablick
Rosa Johnston
Helen Monroe
Madeline Olsen
Edward Powell

NORTHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE O.C.I.P. COMMITTEE
(obtain, catalog, index, preserve)

Accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy C. Pollen from the Committee this year.

The chief concern of the Committee has been the further deterioration of the Assessors' Valuation Records, in particular those from 1737 - 1900. The demand for their use by the public warranted that these records be microfilmed immediately so that they can be preserved for as long as possible.

Mr. Andrew Raymond of the New England Document Conservation Center in Andover who did our Preliminary Inventory of all the Town Records for us in 1977 gave us his expertise advice. He advised that considering the use of these Assessors' Records, preservation was more important than further inventory work.

Mr. Raymond and Mr. Don Linne, who does the actual microfilming at the Center, met with the Committee in August. The Assessors' Valuation Series was evaluated by them and the pages of the records counted for the basis of estimates.

Estimates for the necessary conserving repair and microfilming of the Series from 1737 to 1900 were received and divided into three parts:

- Part 1 - 1737-1841 consisting of papers, hand sewn booklets, and 2 bound volumes, a total of 2150 exposures. This project has been completed this January, and the positive film placed in Dickinson Memorial Library on 3 labelled rolls. Cost \$1173.00.
- Part 2 - 1840-1861, 18 volumes, all in poor condition. These are now in the process of being microfilmed. Exposures - 1,637. Estimated cost \$361.92.
- Part 3 - 1861 thru 1899. These are in very poor condition and actually flaky in handling. Exposures - 6,600. Estimated cost not quoted as yet.

The Committee plans to have the Assessors' Valuation Lists through 1899 on microfilm during 1980.

Two negatives and one positive are made. The positive film goes to the Dickinson Memorial Library where it may be used in their Reader by anyone who wishes to use the information in the Records. One negative will be in storage to be used for making future duplicate films. The other will be preserved under special conditions for permanency.

Future plans are to have the Births, Marriages, and Deaths on microfilm. Also, the Town Meeting Records. A card index file of the Town Meeting Records is greatly desired.

The Committee wishes to express their thanks to the townspeople for their kind cooperation in turning in old Town Reports and Street Lists. We are still in need of these Town Reports:

TOWN REPORTS:

1873	1880-81	1890	1903-04
1874	1881-82	1891	1904-05
1875	1883	1892	1906-07
1875-76	1884	1893	1907-08
1876-77	1885	1898	1908-09
1879	1887	1899	1909-10
1880	1889	1900-01	1910-11

1915

SCHOOL REPORTS:

1864-65
1868-69

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman	Richard A. Giles
Evelyn H. Parker, Secretary	Rosa S. Johnston
Horace F. Field	Martha C. Peterson

O.C.I.P. COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year has seen a change of leadership at the library with the retirement of Martha Peterson and the appointment of Barbara Mennard as head librarian. We would certainly be remiss if we did not express here our very deep appreciation for Mrs. Peterson's years of loyal service and for her very considerable help to our Board. During her tenure she has developed a very complete knowledge of the library, its history and its operation. We shall miss having this knowledge at our disposal.

Miss Mennard came to us in September from her position as assistant librarian at the Barre, Massachusetts, library. She came with excellent recommendations which we are finding were well deserved. We are confident she will provide fine leadership in the years ahead.

The insulation which you authorized at our last annual Town Meeting has been installed and seems to be producing the savings in energy that we had hoped for. In the first six months of this year our fuel bills are running about thirty percent below those of a year ago when fuel prices were lower and weather less severe. We hope this trend continues through the rest of the year. Replacement of old electrical wiring and installation of approved exit and emergency lights is nearly complete at the time of this report and should be finished before the year end. We have also installed new, heavy shades in the auditorium, both for insulation purposes and for darkening that room for movie projection. We have also purchased a new sound system for the auditorium. There are some further changes and improvements that need to be made sooner or later, but we believe the most urgent have been taken care of and in view of tight budgets in the coming year we are not planning any major expenditures in this area in fiscal 79-80.

The library has been used by several groups in town for their meetings during the year, and a number of special programs have been held in the auditorium including such things as a summer movie series, a film festival, musical recitals, and several special programs for children. It has also been the site of a number of train-

ing sessions in cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation. Two fine showings of their works by local artists have been held in the library and we hope to have more during the year, as well as some shows of other local arts and craft work. We invite you to keep an eye out for announcements of these shows and to visit them. Some very fine work is presented.

We continue to serve as the library for the Center School, with classes coming to the library regularly during the school year. This of course, frees time and space for the school. There are very few other public libraries serving this function, but it seems to work reasonably well for Northfield and we are happy to continue the service though it does, of course, add to our budgetary needs.

The volunteer program is again very active and we appreciate very much the efforts of those who work regularly in it. We have also been greatly aided this year by the Friends of the Library through sponsorship of several programs, help in several others and through purchases of equipment which they have donated to the library. We urge you to keep an eye on their continuing book sale in the entry to the library. You may find some books that appeal to you from time to time and certainly they are at bargain prices.

Finally we hope to continually improve our collection and services in meeting your wants and needs. We urge you, therefore, to let us know from time to time what kinds of books you like, and hope you will give us any suggestions you may have for improving our services. Meanwhile we are once again appreciative of the cooperation and help we have received from our staff and from the several town officials and townspeople in our efforts to keep our library as what we like to think is one of the better ones in the state for communities of comparable size.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Giles, Chairman
Desmond Chambers
Dorothy Hammond
Jon McGowan
Mary Metcalf
Susan Roszkowski

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 1978

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who bade me welcome to Northfield, to all of you for your graciousness and patience during the transitional months of September and October, and for all your encouragement - Thank you. I am especially grateful to the Board of Trustees, the staff and the volunteers for their unflinching cooperation.

We are in the midst of changing our statistical record keeping so I will not be reporting on circulation figures this year. They will be in the report for next year. I can, however, report that we at the Library feel books are a special commodity. They contain all

we ever wanted to know about anything. They can bring us knowledge and understanding, tear and laughter, escape and reality. More importantly they allow us to supply our own visual images to the printed word. Ours- infinitely more satisfying than the network artists. Each of us a Rembrandt, a Pollock or a Jones.

Political freedom demands freedom to express our ideas and access to the ideas of others. Libraries fulfill a very special need in guaranteeing the free exchange of those ideas. Use your Library. It may be the last free freedom you have.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mennard,
LIBRARIAN

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Northfield, Mass.

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the town of Northfield for the fiscal year 1978:

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

1. Active Service	19
2. Bonus	15
3. Compensation	114
4. Death Benefits	432
5. Discharges	122
6. Education	76
7. Employment	194
8. Finance	378
9. Housing	7
10. Insurance	51
11. Legal	29
12. Loans	63
13. Medical	212
14. Notarizations	44
15. Pension	651
16. Photostats	4448
17. Recordings	12
18. Selective Service	8
19. Social Security	80
20. Taxes	386
21. Veterans' Benefits	4178
22. Vital Statistics	139
23. Unclassified	407
Total Contacts	12065

The figures listed above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities in the district.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to six cases during the fiscal year 1978. Two of these cases were permanent in nature and the remaining four

were classified as temporary situations. Gross expenditures for the fiscal year 1978 amounted to \$6470.53. It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the town in the amount of \$3235.26 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Gamelin
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES
& VETERANS' AGENT

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

As of July 1, 1978 Cathy Rae was appointed Nurse Supervisor. This appointment reflects the necessity, mandated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for the Nursing Department of Northfield to remain a certified agency within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Compliance of another mandate by H.E.W. which will soon be effective, is for Night Nurse to be hired by the Board of Health. The Night Nurse is in addition to our regular nurse and she will be on call evenings and weekends.

These mandates have been a focal point of numerous meetings and discussions in Franklin County and within our local board.

Because of these mandates Franklin County Health Officials and our local Board of Health have met on numerous occasions for the purpose of establishing a consolidated county-wide Nursing Agency.

As of this time, February 1979, the Board of Health of Northfield is taking a serious look at the events and mandates that could effect the continued certification or decertification of our Nursing Agency.

Accepted with regret were John Ladd's resignation from the Board of Health and Everon Pollen from the Plumbing Inspection.

Alan Rogers was appointed to the Board of Health by Selectmen and the Board of Health. Louis Koonz was appointed Plumbing Inspector by the Board of Health.

The Board would like to thank the Nurse's Advisory Committee and town officials for their contribution, cooperation and support during this past year. We also wish to commend Mrs. Eileen Gorzocoski, nurse; Christine Kovalchick and Jeanne Field, nurse substitutes; Eugene Miller, Health Officer and Animal Inspector; Frederick MacNeill, Everon Pollen and Louis Koonz, plumbing inspectors; and Shirley Thompson, secretary, for their cooperative efforts and the performance of their various duties.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Jurkowski, Chairman
Judy Blake
John F. Ladd
Alan Rogers
BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen, the Board of Health, and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

During the year, private conferences with townspersons concerning personal, medical or various other problems continued to flourish in the secluded atmosphere of the Nurse's office.

In conjunction with the Northfield Elementary School Nurse, Karen Marsh, the Board of Health conducted a general immunization clinic for the townspeople at Alexander Hall on May 26, 1978 with a total of 15 doses of vaccines given. Another 9 doses were given at my office. Compliance with the state's regulations on the mandated immunizations required for children entering kindergarten has reduced the need for several clinics per year as were necessary in the past. Our school children continue to be well immunized.

In January and February of 1978, Mantoux tests for Tuberculosis were done on 6 adults in my office. On November 28, 1978, Mantoux testing was done at Linden Hill School on 11 faculty members.

Free monthly Blood Pressure Clinics continue to be held at the Senior Center and are always well attended.

On November 16, 1978, the Board of Health sponsored a free Flu vaccine Clinic at the Senior Center. I was assisted by Mrs. Christine Kovalchick, R.N. Dr. George Harris of Northfield Mount Hermon School was the attending physician, and 102 adults were immunized. Another 16 people were given the Flu vaccine in their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 118 doses of vaccine was administered.

On November 6, 1978, the Annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fortnightly, collected 92 pints of blood.

At this time, I would like to thank Dr. George Harris, the nurses, many volunteer clerical workers, and others who helped to make all of these clinics a success.

Report of Visits made in 1978:

Home Visits.....	980
Office Visits.....	105
Not Home Visits.....	22
Total Visits.....	1107

On July 1, 1978, to fulfill a mandate required by the Department of Health, Education & Welfare for this nursing agency to remain certified for Medicare and Medicaid eligibility, Cathy Rae was appointed as a part-time Nurse Supervisor.

To keep abreast of current trends and changes in the health field, I continue to attend Seminars and In-Service courses sponsored by the Farren Memorial and Franklin County Public Hospitals; Greenfield Visiting Nurse's Association; Turners Falls Nursing Dept., and those held in Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield and Amherst, Mass. Several were all day sessions. Others were sponsored by the Department of Public Health; Heart Association; Communicable Disease Control Center at Univ. of Mass., Mass. Association of Community Health Agencies, and Western Mass. Health Planning Council.

In March, April and September of 1978, I attended meetings held by Legal Services for the Elderly at Franklin County Public Hospital.

During the year, Professional Advisory Committee meetings were attended by me at Greenfield Visiting Nurse's Association and Turners Falls Nursing Dept. The Professional Advisory Committee to this Nursing Agency, Board of Health, and myself met several times to discuss Health and Prevention programs, agency matters, new policies and current Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare regulations and mandates.

Several conferences were held with personnel of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Service, and Nursing Depts, at both hospitals concerning specific patient-oriented health problems which frequently necessitated follow-up consultations in patient's homes.

I wish to thank Christine Kovalchick, R.N. of Northfield and Jeanne Field, R.N. of Bernardston for covering the agency during my emergency surgery and convalescence this past summer and on vacation periods. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Northfield Professional Advisory Committee, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Secretary, and the townspeople for their cooperative efforts in making this past year's programs a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R.N.
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NORTHFIELD CIVIL DEFENSE

The Northfield Civil Defense has participated in all communications test and alerts for simulated Nuclear and Natural disasters called by Civil Defense Headquarters.

We have continued to meet all requirements for the continued receipt of surplus and excess properties. The Police Department has received a complete citizen band 40-channel base station and now monitors Channel 9. We recently received a 3/4 ton 4-wheel drive truck to be used by the Police Department and Civil Defense, allowing access to remote areas not previously accessible by the Police cruiser.

We have on request a 2½ ton 4-wheel drive truck for the Fire Department's use.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Mroczek, Director
NORTHFIELD CIVIL DEFENSE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

Fiscal year ending June 30, 1978

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

(1) To be raised by Taxation	\$1,391,232.12
(2) To be raised from Available Funds	<u>157,242.54</u>

\$1,548,474.66

School Lunch Program	2,113.00
Free Public Libraries	926.25
Veterans District Services	3,633.85
County Retirement System	17,885.00
Overlay Deficit	15.50
Snow Removal	6,624.63
Veterans District Deficit (1978)	<u>.49</u>

31,198.72

COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	44,915.07
1977 Underestimate County Tax	<u>1,869.46</u>

46,784.53

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas	14,200.62
Audit of Municipal Accounts	6.87
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	392.40
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	446.12
Special Education	2,312.00

Underestimates 1977 (State Recreation areas 422.63)

(Air Pollution Control 18.46)

441.09 17,799.10

Overlay of Current Year

25,256.68

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,669,513.69

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Receipts	203,984.44
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	107,411.78
Licenses	3,579.30
Fines	948.80
General Government	2,822.39
Health and Sanitation	13,039.53
Protection of Persons and Property	275.00
Veterans Benefits	1,176.93
Reimbursement--Group Insurance	8.80
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment	2,907.75
Interest Income	23,161.67
Public Service Enterprises(Sewer Dept.)	<u>19,348.00</u>

\$378,664.39

Overestimates: County Tax	7,897.40
Special Education	<u>2,247.00</u>

10,144.40

Available Funds and Free Cash	<u>198,470.00</u>
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198,470.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

\$587,278.79

TOTAL NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY

\$1,082,234.90

FISCAL YEAR 1979 TAX RATE

\$37.00 PER \$1,000.00 VALUATION

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Total Personal Property	\$ 3,692,294	\$136,614.14
Total Real Estate	25,557,318	945,620.76
TOTAL P/P AND R/E	\$29,249,592	\$1,082,234.90
Approximately each \$29,200 appropriated at the annual Town Meeting represents \$1.00 on the tax rate.		

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	63%	\$23.38
General Tax Rate	37%	13.62
TOTAL TAX RATE	100%	\$37.00

ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1978

Levy of	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Motor Vehicles	\$87.25	\$1,257.64	\$7,491.21	---
Real & Personal Estate			\$259.00	\$1,403.04
Elderly Exemptions				\$22,871.67
Veterans Exemptions				\$3,850.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Taxed	2244
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$103,510.33
Total Assessed Valuation	\$1,792,080.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1978

We, the Board of Assessors, would like to express our thanks to all citizens and town officials for the cooperation and courtesy extended to the Board during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Henderson, Jr., Chairman

William G. Roberts

Warren E. Whitney, Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Taxes for 1976

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/78	216.88
Committed After 1/1/78	152.90
Refunds	2.00
Collected After Abatement	39.60
Abatements	87.25
Paid to Treasurer	229.72
Outstanding 1/1/79	<u>94.41</u>
	411.38
	<u>411.38</u>

Taxes for 1977

Motor Vehicle Excise Outstanding 1/1/78	13,618.04
Committed After 1/1/78	7,556.70
Refunds	402.16
Abatements	1,257.64
Paid to Treasurer	18,990.21
Outstanding 1/1/79	<u>1,329.05</u>
	21,576.90
	<u>21,576.90</u>

Taxes for 1978

Motor Vehicle Excise Levy	103,606.03
Refunds	2,246.77
Abatements	7,491.21
Paid to Treasurer	83,476.86
Outstanding 1/1/79	<u>14,884.73</u>
	105,852.80
	<u>105,852.80</u>
Farm Animal and Machinery Excise Levy	2,916.13
Paid to Treasurer	2,815.63
Outstanding 1/1/79	<u>100.50</u>
	2,916.13
	<u>2,916.13</u>

Taxes for 1978 Fiscal Year

Personal Property Outstanding	68,273.42
Refunds	127.54
Abatements	37.00
Paid to Treasurer	68,356.56
Outstanding 1/1/79	<u>7.40</u>
	68,400.96
	<u>68,400.96</u>
Real Estate Outstanding 1/1/78	449,398.10
Refunds	1,513.34
Abatements	222.00
Tax Titles Added	2,498.61
Tax Titles Taken	1,259.48
Statement filed to Continue a Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes Account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	444.74
Paid to Treasurer	<u>446,486.61</u>
	450,911.44
	<u>450,911.44</u>

Taxes for 1979 Fiscal Year

Personal Property Tax Levy		136,614.14	
Refunds		3.73	
Abatements	83.25		
Paid to Treasurer	68,055.41		
Outstanding 1/1/79	68,479.21		
	<u>136,617.87</u>	<u>136,617.87</u>	

Real Estate Tax Levy		946,498.03	
Refunds		254.82	
Abatements	28,041.46		
Paid to Treasurer	464,083.54		
Outstanding 1/1/79	454,627.85		
	<u>946,752.85</u>	<u>946,752.85</u>	

Sewer Use Charges

1977 Fiscal Year Charges Outstanding 1/1/78		1,792.00	
Paid to Treasurer	203.03		
Added to 1979 Real Estate Tax Levy	1,588.97		
	<u>1,792.00</u>	<u>1,792.00</u>	

Charges for Fiscal Year 1978		20,199.60	
Paid to Treasurer	18,516.30		
Outstanding 1/1/79	1,683.30		
	<u>20,199.60</u>	<u>20,199.60</u>	

Sewer Use Charges Added to Real Estate Taxes

1977 Charges Added		1,588.97	
Committed Interest		149.77	
Paid to Treasurer	1,286.38		
Charges Outstanding 1/1/79	414.20		
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/79	38.16		
	<u>1,738.74</u>	<u>1,738.74</u>	

Sewer Plant Fees

Outstanding 1/1/78		230.00	
Committed After 1/1/78		320.00	
Paid to Treasurer	340.00		
Outstanding 1/1/79	210.00		
	<u>550.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>	

Sewer Entrance Fees

Committed		300.00	
Paid to Treasurer	300.00		
	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	

Chapter 60, Section 95 Special Taxes

Balance Outstanding 1/1/78		330.00	
Added from 1978 Real Estate Tax Levy		444.74	
Paid to Treasurer	329.97		
Outstanding 1/1/79	444.77		
	<u>774.74</u>	<u>774.74</u>	

NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT TAXES

Taxes for 1978 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Outstanding 1/1/78		365.07	
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/78		22.26	
Paid to District Treasurer	387.33		
	<u>387.33</u>	<u>387.33</u>	

Taxes for 1979 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Added to Real Estate Levy		367.14	
Committed Interest Added to Real Estate Tax Levy		33.81	
Paid to District Treasurer	200.85		
Water Charges Outstanding 1/1/79	183.23		
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/79	16.87		
	<u>400.95</u>	<u>400.95</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis
TAX COLLECTOR

FRED W. WELLS TRUST FUND

Annual Report for the F. W. Wells Trustees

The year 1978 was marked by the first distribution of Wells Trust funds to and for the purposes expressed in Mr. Wells' will. Sub-committees of the Board of Trustees acting in three separate categories and pursuant to the June 12, 1978 judgment of Franklin County Probate Judge Sanford Keedy, worked long hours formulating a health care program, an agricultural awards program and an educational awards program.

The creation of Project Horizon in collaboration with the Franklin County Mental Health Association seeks to provide mental health care to the rural residents of Franklin County. It is partially funded with Wells funds pursuant to an agreement which was formulated and executed between the trustees and the Franklin County Mental Health Association in July of this year.

The agricultural awards program resulted in disbursement by the trust of \$3500 which was paid out in the form of agricultural awards in cooperation with the Franklin County Agricultural Society. Many of these awards were made at the Franklin County Fair in September of 1978.

The educational awards resulted in \$33,500 being paid to various educational institutions and benefitting thirty-nine residents of the sixteen eligible county towns.

This year also saw the promulgation of by-laws and resulted in nine meetings of the full board of trustees along with numerous meetings of the various sub-committees. In addition, the trustees obtained from the Franklin County Probate Court an allowance of its first full accounting and initiated procedures to

obtain a tax classification from the Internal Revenue Service.

It was a year of much accomplishment and the residents of the various Franklin County Towns received for the first time the benefits of Mr. Wells' forward and generous thinking.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon W. Leavis
Northfield Representative and
Chairman of the Board of
Trustees

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

CALENDER YEAR 1978

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1978		\$80,483.15
Receipts for the year		\$2,898,896.20
		\$2,979,379.35
Payments per Warrants	\$2,900,989.33	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1978	16,033.62	
Franklin County Trust Co.	14,362.89	
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	42,918.21	
Franklin Savings Institution	5,075.30	\$2,979,379.35

Franklin County Trust Co.
December 31, 1978

Balance per Statement		\$76,173.14
Balance per Check Book	\$14,362.89	
Outstanding Checks	61,810.25	\$76,173.14

State Street Bank & Trust Co.
December 31, 1978

Balance per Statement		\$42,918.21
Balance per Check Book		\$42,918.21

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1978		\$70,129.61
Allotments for the year		31,194.00
Interest added for the year		3,798.46
		\$105,122.07
Payments per Warrants	\$101,592.77	
Franklin County Trust Co.	3,529.30	\$105,122.07

Franklin County Trust Co.
December 31, 1978

Balance per Statement		\$3,529.30
Balance per Check Book		\$3,529.30

C.E.T.A. - TITLE VI ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1978		\$3,715.34
Receipts for the year		40,836.29
		\$44,551.63

Payments per Warrants	\$44,386.70	
Pioneer National Bank	164.93	\$44,551.63

Pioneer National Bank
December 31, 1978

Balance per Statement		\$164.93
Balance per Check Book		\$164.93

P.W.E.A. - ANTI-RECESSION ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1978		\$743.40
Receipts for the year (Interest)		8.08
		\$751.48
Payments per Warrants	\$118.03	
Franklin County Trust Co.	633.45	\$751.48

Franklin County Trust Co.
December 31, 1978

Balance per Statement		\$633.45
Balance per Check Book		\$633.45

SEWER PROJECT ACCOUNT

Receipts for the year		\$113,969.15
Payments per Warrants	\$97,851.96	
Pioneer National Bank	16,117.19	\$113,969.15

Pioneer National Bank
December 31, 1978

Balance per Statement		\$16,117.19
Balance per Check Book		\$16,117.19

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1978		\$152,525.98
Receipts for the year (Interest)		11,617.08
		\$164,143.06
Payments - Fire Truck	\$77,000.00	
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	87,143.06	\$164,143.06

INVESTMENTS

General Account

Franklin County Trust Co. - Certif. of Dep.		\$100,000.00
Worcester County Nat'l. Bk. " " "		300,000.00
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust		56,595.01

Revenue Sharing Account

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust		\$69,704.43
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PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding Taxes		\$50,308.12
Massachusetts Withholding Taxes		19,236.63
Franklin County Retirement System		10,034.82
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board		11,434.49
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance		7,309.89
Greenfield Savings Bank Life Insurance		159.84
Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Assoc. Dues		2,237.28
Fr. Co. School Employees' Federal Credit Union		10,240.00
Teachers' Annuities		5,635.52

TRUST FUNDS
Franklin Savings Institution

	Balance 1-1-78	Interest Redeposited	'78 Int. Added	'78 Int. to Treas.	Balance 12-31-78
<u>Library</u>					
C. Ina Merriman Fund	\$ 1,036.28		\$ 56.64	\$ 571.92	\$ 1,092.92
Belcher Funds	9,739.01			35.20	9,739.01
Marina Stanley Fund	600.00			117.96	600.00
Maude Montague Fund	2,009.60			176.16	2,009.60
C. P. Dickinson Fund	3,000.00			5.88	3,000.00
Northfield Chapter D.A.R.	100.00				100.00
<u>Charity</u>					
Lottie Evans Fund	2,346.73		137.78		2,484.51
Starkweather Fund	12,446.00	\$ 1,011.03	778.53		14,235.56
George F. Morgan Fund	4,828.00	323.48	304.65		5,456.13
Roselle Evans Fund	803.00	145.29	54.87		1,003.16
Elisha Alexander Fund	3,143.00	1,003.44	231.12		4,377.56
<u>School</u>					
Belcher Center School Fd.	2,000.00	393.40	138.16	93.92	2,531.56
Surplus Revenue Fund	1,600.00				1,600.00
<u>Cemetery</u>			Prin. Add.		
Alice Bigelow S. Mtn. Cem.	145.00	12.25		8.94	157.25
Var. W. Nfld. Cem. (See List)	3,414.00	167.07	275.00	209.92	3,856.07
Edward Priest W. Nfld. Cem.	10,595.49	874.95		653.81	11,470.44
Lucretia Holton W. Nfld. Cem.	101.00	53.39		7.21	154.39
Var. Mt. Hermon (See List)	4,610.00	214.17		276.84	4,824.17
Callender Mt. Hermon Cem.	726.00	60.08		44.78	786.08
Var. Nfld. Farms (See List)	7,442.69	281.48		447.20	7,724.17
Var. Center Cem. (See List)	19,961.06	1,218.64		1,216.20	21,179.70
Belcher Center Cem.	2,909.58	83.10		173.81	2,992.68
James Cowles Center Cem.	2,905.00	240.67		179.29	3,145.67
Calvin Stearns Center Cem.	726.00	60.08		44.78	786.08
Flora E. Lane Center Cem.	202.00	106.07		15.48	308.07

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Mount Hermon Cemetery

Henry F. Cutler	\$100.00	Julia Pierce, Edward &	
L. Lorimer Drury	100.00	Barbara Blake	\$100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00	Jessie H. Hyde	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00	Julia Mary Stark	100.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00	William Eberhardt	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00	L. Lorimer Drury Family	100.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00	Jane E. Nunn, William &	
Roy R. Hatch	100.00	Sarah Eberhardt	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00	Joseph D. Costogue	200.00
Charles D. Streeter	200.00	Elizabeth P. White &	
Mary J. & Anna L. Miller	200.00	Marjorie Skogland	100.00
Marion Fish Giersbach	100.00	Pauline Alexander	100.00
Alice Mosse	100.00	Frank W. & Agnes Pearsall	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A.			
Polhemus	100.00		\$3,250.00
Jane E. Holton	100.00	Interest Redeposited	<u>1,574.17</u>
Claire H. & Alfred D.			
Montague	100.00		\$4,824.17
Marjorie W. Prescott	100.00		

Northfield Farms Cemetery

James Browning &		Elisha & Elihu Stratton	\$200.00
Robert Washer	\$100.00	William H. Stratton	100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00	Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Ada Chamberlain &		Samuel W. & William G.	
Sarah Morgan	75.00	Slate	100.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00	Leroy Weatherhead	75.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00	Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00	Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Elisa Graves	51.69	Herbert Dutton	100.00
Brigham Gage & David		Murray Hammond	100.00
Clowes	100.00	Nettie Gilbert	300.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00	George H. Pratt	100.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00	Lawrence A. Comins	100.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00	Clayton P. B. Miller	100.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00	Lincoln E. Warner	100.00
James & William Merriam	100.00	William M. Barnes	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00	George W. Stratton	250.00
Henry W. Montague	400.00	Bertha S. Hammond	200.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00	Gracie F. Slate	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00	Charles F. Lincoln	100.00
Larkin Fisher, Frank &		Edward J. McKenna	100.00
Lucy Ross	50.00		
Fred W. Ruggles	100		\$5,151.69
Ashel & Alner Sawyer	100.00	Interest Redeposited	<u>2,572.48</u>
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00		\$7,724.17
Rufus Stratton &			
Oren D. Darling	150.00		

Center Cemetery

Nelson & Nettie Spring	\$100.00	S. E. Walker	\$200.00
Emma A. Haltnorth	100.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
John F. Rice	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Hezekiah & Elizabeth	
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	Stratton	80.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00	Hezekiah & Mollie	
Charles Stebbins	100.00	Stratton	80.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00	Rufus & Asenath	
John E. Nye	100.00	Stratton	80.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
Augustus W. Holton	100.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Johnson Fund	123.06	Bessie Severance	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00	Lewis Fowler	50.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00	J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00	Andrew E. & Arthur H.	
Alvin Long	50.00	Lyman	400.00
Isaac Cook & Wright		Edward B. Stearns	50.00
Stratton	100.00	Benjamin F. Field &	
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00	Charles Osgood	500.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	Louis Frederick	
James Pickard	100.00	Bartlett	100.00
Augusta L. Day	100.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Elijar Belding	125.00	Rose A. Holton	100.00
James White	100.00	C. D. Merriam &	
Arad Webster & William		Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Billings	500.00	Cora B. Preston &	
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Asa Holton	100.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00	Frank & William Piper	100.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	L. O. Clapp Lot	100.00
Charles Alexander &		Hachita Lots	440.00
Richard Colton	200.00	Samuel & Elijar	
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Merriman	1,760.00
Louis M. Potts	200.00	Mary V. H. Slade	125.00
Roselle Evans	50.00	Mrs. George Spofford	200.00
Amos Shepardson &		Mary B. Rankin	100.00
Anna S. Preston	150.00	Daniel F. Sutherland	100.00
Bessie Moore	100.00	George N. Kidder	500.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Tie' - Webster Lot	100.00
Maximilla S. Hachita	100.00	Frank & Jennie Lombard	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00	Nellie Nye	400.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Fred A. Bogart	100.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	Francis S. Bemis	300.00
Dr. Stratton White &		Harold B. Stratton	200.00
George & William		Mary Isabel Newton	100.00
Hastings	300.00		
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00	Interest Redeposited	<u>\$13,738.06</u>
William R. Moody	100.00		<u>7,441.64</u>
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00		\$21,179.70
Clara B. Torrey	100.00		
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00		

West Northfield Cemetery

Cecil Wilson	\$100.00	Alice Dutton Yerrington	\$150.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00	Hartley L. & Flora M.	
George W. Snow	200.00	Bosworth	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00	Leroy R. Barnes	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00	Doris Cutler	100.00
Cora B. Preston &		Jane F. Randolph	100.00
Pitts W. Preston	100.00	Maurice A. & Leona A.	
S. E. K. Priest	200.00	Barrett	100.00
George F. Witt	100.00	Abram Generous	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00		
Warena P. Miller	200.00		\$2,625.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00	Interest Redeposited	<u>1,231.07</u>
Edna M. Kelley	150.00		\$3,856.07
Boyd Palmer	25.00		
Vernon Playful	100.00		

December 30, 1978

It has been a privilege to serve as your treasurer for the past three years, and although it has been a lot of work, the challenges have been exciting and rewarding.

Interest rates have been high making it possible to earn \$42,166.65 this year. I have invested in Certificates of Deposit and in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust which has been established for municipal accounts. Current interest rates are paid, and the money is available when needed. General Account investments brought in \$26,743.03; Revenue Sharing Account \$3,798.46; and the Stabilization Fund \$11,617.08.

I would like to thank all for the fine cooperation I have received during this term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace T. Young
TREASURER

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD:

All invoices and payrolls presented were examined for accuracy and legality before being submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Treasurer's Cash was verified and found to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF NORTHELD

Assets

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Stabilization Fund (Fire Truck)	77,000.00	Overestimates 1978	
Revenue 1979	1,356,885.85	County Tax	6,027.94
Loans Authorized		County Retirement Assess.	1,037.00
Sewer Const.	414,500.00	Spec. Education Ch. 766	<u>2,247.00</u>
Inflow & Infil. Surv.	31,000.00	Sale of Real Estate	9,311.94
Sewer System	<u>13,500.00</u>		5,569.37
	459,000.00	Sale of Cemetery Lots	5,384.12
Underestimates 1978		Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	742.75
State Parks & Reserv.	422.63	Road Machinery Fund	
Vet. Serv. Cent.	.49	Overlay Reserved for Abatements	
P.V.Air Poll.Cont.Bd.	18.46	Levy of 1978	12,012.64
1977 Overlay	15.50	Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	77,220.29
Snow Remov.Sec. 31D Ch. 44	<u>6,624.63</u>	Federal Revenue Sharing	3,841.30
	7,081.71	Revenues Reserved Until Collected	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	17,161.94
		Sewer Use	21,339.69
		Spec. Taxes	.03
		Tax Titles & Poss.	6,449.76
		Departmental	496.33
		Aid to Highways	114,848.00
		Aid to Sew. Trtmt. Plant	<u>23,975.00</u>
		Surplus Revenue	184,270.75
			<u>224,944.23</u>
			\$ 2,634,568.37

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer	
In Custody of Treasurer	\$ 242,350.47	Lottie Evans Charity Fund	\$ 2,413.16
In Custody of Selectmen	18,540.90	George F. Morgan " "	5,299.39
In Custody of Trustees	23,717.38	Roselle Evans " "	974.35
		Surplus Rev. School Fund	1,600.00
		Belcher Center School Fund	2,458.84
		Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
		Chas. P. Dickinson Lib. Book Fund	3,000.00
		Ina Merriman Library Fund	1,092.92
		Maude M. Montague Library Fund	2,009.60
		D.A.R. Book Fund	100.00
		Marina Stanley Book Fund	600.00
		Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2,992.68
		Mary Callender " "	786.08
		James Cowles " "	3,145.67
		Calvin Stearn " "	786.08
		Edward D. Priest " "	11,470.44
		West Nfld. " "	3,681.07
		Nfld. Farms " "	7,724.17
		So. Mountain " "	157.25
		Mt. Hermon " "	4,824.17
		Center " "	21,179.70
		Stabilization Fund	<u>156,344.58</u>
		In Custody of Selectmen:	
		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	4,251.82
		Starkweather Charity Fund	13,826.62
		Flora Lane, Center Cemetery	308.07
		Lucretia Holton, W. Nfld. Cem.	<u>154.39</u>
		In Custody of Trustees:	
		Martha Alexander Fund	23,717.38
			<u>23,717.38</u>
			\$ 284,608.75

RECEIPTS

Investment of General Cash		\$ 1,230,000.00	Perpetual Care Trust Funds	300.00
Temp. Note in Anticipation of Fed. Aid. Project	27,200.00		Trust Funds Income:	
Temp. Note in Anticipation of Serial Issue	25,000.00		Charity	464.60
Taxes:			Center School	46.41
1977 Personal Property	527.67		Dickinson Library	907.12
1977 Real Estate	<u>6,292.43</u>	6,820.10	Perpetual Care, Cemeteries	<u>2,898.13</u>
1978 Personal Property	135,524.85			4,316.26
1978 Real Estate	<u>908,131.29</u>	1,043,656.14	Federal Grant	
Motor Vehicle Excise			Title IV B P.L. 93-380	1,794.80
Levy of 1975	7.90		School Lunch	
Levy of 1976	4,126.41		Sales	11,037.63
Levy of 1977	45,804.61		State	<u>7,191.40</u>
Levy of 1978	<u>54,175.89</u>	104,114.81	Sale of Cemetery Lots	365.00
Farm Animal Excise			Road Machinery Fund	1,914.90
Levy of 1977		2,907.75	Insurance Claim-Police Dept.	206.73
Sewer Use:			Gifts to Appropriation Accounts	30.00
Levy of 1977	16,573.03		Refunds to Appropriation Accounts	1,934.65
Levy of 1978	<u>448.88</u>	17,021.91	Tailings (Uncashed checks)	233.77
Special Taxes		329.97	Federal Revenue Sharing P.L. 92-512	
Tax Titles Redeemed		673.37	Entitlements	34,120.00
Accounts Receivable:			Interest	<u>3,886.43</u>
Sewer Dumping	283.67			38,006.43
Veterans' Benefits (State)	<u>142.24</u>	425.91	Anti Recession Fiscal Assistance P.L. 94-369	
State Aid to Highways		36,626.00	Interest	32.51
Federal & State Reimbursements of Public Works Project		43,678.00	Comprehensive Employment & Training Act, Title VI	48,724.80
County & State Aid			County Tax Refund	109.40
State Aid to Libraries	926.25		Estimated Receipts:	
County Dog Fund	<u>385.63</u>	1,311.88	Town Clerk & Selectmen Licenses	102.00
Agencies:			Plumbing Licenses & Permits	312.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	49,431.64		Building Permits	757.50
State Withholding Taxes	18,983.14		Building Inspections	714.00
Meals Tax	66.26		Disposal & Septic Permits	41.00
County Retirement	9,724.35		Other Board of Health Licenses	21.00
Teachers' Retirement	11,663.68		Liquor Licenses	1,035.00
Group Insurance	12,819.86		Police Permits	442.00
Life Insurance	286.60		Bicycle Registrations	1.25
Credit Union	9,840.00		Police Accident Reports	114.00
Teacher Association Dues	2,220.00		Court Fines	705.00
County Dog Licenses	800.95		Surplus Revenue Fund Interest	93.92
County Dog Care	644.00		Copier Use	190.83
Tax Collector's Costs	<u>774.00</u>	117,254.48	Tax Title Fees & Interest	71.52
			Tax Title Advertisement Reimbursement	15.95
			Board of Appeals Adv. Reimb.	36.00
			Sales of Maps	28.00
			Rent, Town Hall	548.00
			Rent, Alexander Hall	13.00
			Nurse's Fees	11,716.22
			Clinic Donations	82.00
			Sale of Nurse's Supplies	29.25

Library Fines	351.04	Election & Registration	2,500.00	1,626.02	873.98
Ambulance Service	2,500.00	Planning Board Expenses	700.00	247.66	452.34
Sale of Glass for Recycling	171.75	Board of Appeals Expenses	350.00	299.53	50.47
Wiring Applications	14.00	Town Hall	10,000.00	9,683.36	316.64
Conserv. Comm. Notice of Intent	25.00	Police Chief	13,900.00	13,900.00	---
Group Insurance Premium	5,651.60	Police Department Secretary	2,666.00	2,666.00	---
Rent, Highway Equipment	146.00	Police Dept. Operating Expenses	8,000.00	7,974.18	25.82
School Tuition	42.20	Damage on Police Cruiser	370.11	370.11	---
Refund, School	4.17	Fire Department Salaries	750.00	750.00	---
Refund, Selectmen Expense	1.50	Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	8,685.34	8,685.34	---
Special Needs Reimbursement, Gill	1,783.94	Hose & Equipment	2,500.00	2,416.71	83.29
Refund, Technical School	911.28	Engineering Fees-Fire St.Main Floor	500.00	500.00	---
Interest on Taxes	1,498.12	Hydrants	500.00	500.00	---
Interest on Investments	20,851.80	Public Safety Salary	100.00	100.00	---
Receipts from Commonwealth		Wire Inspector	600.00	38.07	561.93
Chapter 70, School	42,262.18	Tree Trim & Plant	2,700.00	2,700.00	---
Chapter 71, School, Trans.	16,754.00	Duth Elm Control	2,000.00	2,000.00	---
Chapter 71 B, Spec. Needs, School	30,325.00	Insect & Pest Control	413.06	406.02	7.04
School, Vocation Education	622.00	Dog Officer & Expense	400.00	306.84	93.16
Loss of Taxes on Land	22,409.24	Building Commissioner	4,000.00	4,000.00	---
Local Aid	5,165.19	Building Commissioner's Expense	450.00	321.67	128.33
Local Aid, Additional	6,443.32	Civil Defense	912.60	469.15	443.45
Chapter 497, Highway	29,025.32	Board of Health Salaries	618.00	618.00	---
Chapter 825, Sec. 3, Highway	35,875.02	Health	2,000.00	1,240.91	759.09
Lottery	4,945.12	Mental Health & Retardation Services	2,431.00	2,431.00	---
Total Receipts (Rev. Shar.)	38,006.43	Dump Control	10,700.00	10,699.95	.05
(A.R.F.A.)	32.51	Nurse's Clerk	2,667.00	2,667.00	---
(General)	2,980,027.89	Nurse's Expense	800.00	748.46	51.54
Cash on Hand 7/1/77 (Rev. Shar.)	82,016.54	Nurse's Car Expense	700.00	412.39	287.61
(A.R.F.A.)	1,393.97	Inspector of Animals	477.00	223.50	253.50
(General)	52,035.80	Sewer Commissioners Salaries	618.00	618.00	---
\$ 3,153,513.14		Sewer Commissioners' Expense	75.00	6.47	68.53
		Oper. & Maint. of Sewer Plant	25,050.00	25,050.00	---
RECAPITULATION		Infil.& Inflow Analysis-Sewer Sys.	616.03	616.03	---
		Highway Superintendent's Expense	756.81	756.81	---
		Highway Sick,Vacations,Holidays	7,000.00	5,678.68	1,321.32
Moderator & Expense	Approp. 100.00	Highway Tools	1,500.00	642.72	723.45
Selectmen Salaries	Spent 2,875.50	Machinery Maintenance	38,954.39	38,520.62	433.77
Selectmen's Secretary	2,667.00	Machinery Maintenance (1977)	25.50	25.50	---
Selectmen's Expense	2,000.00	Snow Removal	26,500.00	33,124.63	-6,624.63
Copy Machine Paper & Supplies	815.00	Highways, Bridges & Railings	45,000.00	43,610.47	1,389.53
Accountant Salary	4,000.00	" " " (1977)	1,088.00	955.57	132.43
Accountant's Expense	175.00	Chapter 765 Const. (1976)	20,810.93	20,810.93	---
Treasurer Salary	2,415.00	Grader, Hwy. Dept.	440.06	440.06	---
Treasurer's Expense	1,250.00	Street Lights	30,200.00	27,878.25	2,321.75
Treasurer's Expense (1977)	350.00	Sidewalks	3,508.10	3,477.84	30.26
Tax Collector Salary	2,278.00	Highway Bounds,Surveys,Street Lists	50.00	24.00	26.00
Tax Collector's Expense	2,050.00	Soldiers' Relief	7,500.00	6,429.11	1,070.89
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00	Elementary School Comm. Salaries	835.00	835.00	---
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00	Elementary School	376,513.00	350,431.30	26,081.70
Assessors & Clerk Salaries	4,450.00	Pioneer Valley Regional School,			
Assessors' Expense	1,800.00	Op. Expenses	415,931.12	415,931.12	---
Finance Committee Expense	150.00	Regional Technical School, Cap.			
Town Clerk Salary	1,365.00	& Op. Expenses	121,811.92	121,412.21	399.71
Town Clerk's Expenses	200.00				

Dickinson Memorial Library	24,057.95	23,696.34	361.61
Field Library	250.00	250.00	---
Reserve Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	---
Recreation Committee Programs	6,860.00	5,657.30	1,202.70
Recreation Committee Programs (1977)	362.60	362.60	---
Ambulance Service	5,000.00	5,000.00	---
Town Reports	1,500.00	1,222.66	377.34
Memorial & Veterans' Days	525.00	449.24	73.75
Alexander Hall	400.00	365.09	34.91
Interest	176.86	176.86	---
Group Insurance (Chapter 32B)	22,101.12	22,055.94	45.18
" " " (1977)	1,697.40	1,697.40	---
Town Clock	150.00	96.00	54.00
Land Damages	100.00	---	100.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00	---	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	600.00	571.00	29.00
Franklin County Senior Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	---
Historical Society Building	200.00	115.20	84.80
Hist. Soc. Bldg. - Excavate & Lay Water Pipe	700.00	689.35	10.65
Conservation Commission Expense	200.00	56.40	143.60
Historical Commission	200.00	199.08	.92
Index & Preserve Town Records	58.00	58.00	---
Historic District Study Committee	50.00	50.00	---
Cemeteries	5,000.00	2,861.68	<u>2,138.32</u>
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			\$ 43,855.10
Door for Boy Scout House	460.00	460.00	---
Heating System Burner, Fire Station	500.00	457.67	42.33
Mosquito Spraying	3,000.00	2,560.00	440.00
Grader - Hwy. Dept.	19,000.00	19,000.00	---
Sander Body (1977)	713.54	---	713.54
Door, Metal Shed, Hwy. Dept.	1,500.00	1,300.00	200.00
Dickinson Library Heating System	6,000.00	5,704.00	296.00
Index & Preserve Town Records	1,200.00	1,200.00	---
Supplies for Preserving Records	200.00	---	<u>200.00</u>
Unexpended Balances to Fed. Rev. Shar.			\$ 1,891.87
Assessors' Revaluation	1,330.91	633.70	697.21
Legal Expense	4,500.00	4,217.26	282.74
Draperies for Town Hall Dining Rm.	1,000.00	---	1,000.00
Repair Parapet - Town Hall	2,000.00	---	2,000.00
Renovate Town Offices & Clerical Assistance	1,308.45	675.00	633.45
Special Police	6,200.00	6,186.60	13.40
Maint. of Fire Station & Garage	5,000.00	4,923.56	76.44
New Fire Truck	77,000.00	22.05	76,977.95
Water Holes	1,000.00	---	1,000.00
Nurse & Substitute	13,000.00	12,235.00	765.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aid	5,000.00	4,882.24	117.76
Infil./Inflow Sew. System Eval. Survey	24,159.92	13,049.69	11,110.23
Sewer Project	72,000.08	64,475.91	7,524.17
East St. Surface Water Drainage Project	2,000.00	---	2,000.00

Engineering Survey, Sewer System	26,500.00	1,474.66	25,025.34
Easements for Sewers	100.00	---	100.00
Legal Fees & Surveys for Sewers	2,381.00	320.54	2,060.46
Highway Tools	1,500.00	642.72	133.83
Chapter 765 Const. (1977)	36,626.00	19,871.26	16,754.74
Gulf Road	20,127.12	9,599.41	10,527.71
Four-Mile Brook Road	14,000.00	3,604.27	10,395.73
Pentecost Road	6,336.75	5,982.04	354.71
Evaluate & Rate Bridges	10,000.00	---	10,000.00
Survey Boundaries of Certain Town Ways	7,895.00	1,000.00	6,895.00
Rent Chipper, Highway Dept.	3,000.00	1,335.35	1,664.65
Insurance	30,000.00	29,397.64	602.36
Trout for Stocking Streams	300.00	---	300.00
Land Survey of Dunnell Property Gift	500.00	---	<u>500.00</u>
Unexpended Balances to 1979			\$ 189,512.88
Investments of General Cash			1,150,000.00
Investments of Fed. Rev. Shar. Cash			60,000.00
Temp.Note in Antic.of Fed.Aid.Proj.(Sewer Plant)			18,718.00
Refunds on Motor Vehicle Excise			2,853.38
Refunds on Taxes			<u>2,295.22</u>
Agencies:			
Federal Withholding Taxes	49,431.64		
State Withholding Taxes	18,983.14		
Meals Tax	66.61		
County Retirement	9,724.35		
Teachers' Retirement	11,663.68		
Group Insurance	14,262.36		
Life Insurance	289.08		
Credit Union	9,840.00		
Teacher Association Dues	2,220.00		
County Dog Licenses	966.45		
County Dog Care	644.00		
Tax Collector's Costs	<u>614.00</u>		118,705.31
Perpetual Care Trust Funds to Savings Acct.			300.00
Trust Funds Income to Savings Accounts:			
Charity	10,183.24		
Center School	1,143.40		
Cemetery	<u>19,921.50</u>		31,248.14
Marina Stanley Library Fund			34.20
Title IV B P.L. 93-380			2,981.11
School Lunch			21,905.40
Refund on Interest			.16
Comprehensive Employment & Training Act, Title VI			43,589.22
State and County Assessments:			
State Parks & Recreation	11,604.58		
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	310.95		
State Audit	10.10		
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	357.92		

County Tax	68,657.17	
County Retirement System	13,996.00	
Veterans' Service Center	<u>3,564.11</u>	<u>98,500.83</u>
Total Payments (Rev. Shar.)	\$ 103,758.23	
(Anti Recession)	\$ 675.00	
(General)	\$ 2,929,344.84	
Cash on Hand 6/30/78 (Rev. Shar.)	16,264.74	
(Anti Recession)	751.48	
(General)	<u>102,718.85</u>	
	\$ 3,153,513.14	

MODERATOR AND EXPENSE

Appropriation		100.00
Salary	57.00	
Association Dues	5.00	
Sound System	30.00	92.00
Balance to Revenue	8.00	100.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Supplies	522.66	
Typewriter (1/3)	150.00	
File (C.D.)	12.00	
Telephone	466.07	
Advertising	127.51	
Registry of Deeds	11.13	
Association Dues	228.75	
Law Books	223.85	
Meetings & Mileage	111.00	1,852.97
Balance to Revenue	147.03	2,000.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		175.00
Supplies	80.56	
Dues and Meetings	43.35	123.91
Balance to Revenue	51.09	175.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,250.00
Balance		350.00
Supplies	769.32	
Office Mach. Serv. & Repair	367.22	
Mileage	105.60	
Treasurer's School & Meeting	27.45	
Association Dues	15.00	
Telephone	12.94	
Note Certification Fees	35.00	
Treasurer's Bond	174.00	1,506.53
Balance to Revenue	93.47	1,600.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Transfer		50.00
Supplies	1,506.67	
Book Binding	48.10	
Collector's & Deputy's Bonds	300.00	
Association Dues	15.00	
Telephone	7.79	
Office Equipment Service	69.03	
Clerical Help	102.50	2,049.09
Balance to Revenue	.91	2,050.00

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,800.00
Supplies	185.15	
Office Files	195.95	
Book Binding	136.40	
Registry of Deeds	203.75	
Telephone	7.36	
Meetings & Travel	66.75	
Computer Trust Fund	280.68	
Association Dues	27.00	
General Mapping Co.	629.42	1,705.46
Balance to Revenue	94.54	1,800.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		200.00
Supplies	51.50	
Postage	56.00	
Telephone	62.50	
Clerk's Bond	20.00	
Association Dues	10.00	200.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		2,500.00
Registrars	542.75	
Elections	367.54	
Street Lists	355.74	
Ballots	312.19	
Supplies	47.80	1,626.02
Balance to Revenue	873.98	2,500.00

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES

Appropriation		700.00
Supplies	13.84	
Telephone	12.50	
Advertising	113.32	
Clerical Help	108.00	247.66
Balance to Revenue	452.34	700.00

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE

Appropriation		200.00	
Transfer		150.00	
Association Dues	15.00		
Postage	180.61		
Supplies	10.00		
Telephone	1.22		
Advertisements	52.70		
Report, Collier Rd.	40.00	299.53	
Balance to Revenue	50.47	350.00	

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		10,000.00	
Custodians	3,321.00		
Highway Payroll	330.20		
Electricity	1,245.54		
Fuel	3,569.55		
Water	58.23		
Advertising	24.74		
Replace Window	386.00		
Supplies & Repairs	713.10		
2 Chairs, File Cabinet (C.D.)	35.00	9,683.36	
Balance to Revenue	316.64	10,000.00	

RENOVATE TOWN OFFICES & CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

Balance (A.R.F.A. Funds)		1,308.45	
Ladies' Room	50.00		
Partition, Police Dept.	625.00	675.00	
Balance to 1979	633.45	1,308.45	

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES

Appropriation		8,000.00	
Gasoline	2,495.06		
Other Cruiser Expense	1,326.80		
Electricity for Gas Pump	132.82		
Supplies	792.81		
Typewriter (1/3)	150.00		
Camera	99.00		
Antenna	36.20		
Spotlight	24.95		
Gun	78.50		
Uniforms & Cleaning	177.83		
Advertising	141.71		
Dues	45.00		
Telephones & Remotes	2,136.85		
Equipment Repair	336.65	7,974.18	
Balance to Revenue	25.82	8,000.00	

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		8,500.00	
Transfer		185.34	
Payroll	5,370.62		
Repairs & Supplies	1,679.87		
Gasoline	600.00		
Telephone	859.98		
Dues	20.00		
Education Course	96.00		
Food	58.87	8,685.34	

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION & GARAGE

Appropriation		4,000.00	
Transfer		1,000.00	
Electricity	1,999.55		
Repairs & Supplies	730.45		
Fuel	2,109.90		
Water	73.66		
Payroll	10.00	4,923.56	
Balance to 1979	76.44	5,000.00	

TREE TRIM & PLANT

Appropriation		2,700.00	
Payroll	2,276.40		
Tree Removal	399.85		
Flowers	23.75	2,700.00	

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		2,000.00	
Payroll	1,409.89		
Chain Saw & Repairs	326.87		
Tree Removal	263.24	2,000.00	

INSECT & PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		413.06	
Repairs	3.26		
Tree Removal	402.76	406.02	
Balance to Revenue	7.04	413.06	

DOG OFFICER & EXPENSES

Appropriation		400.00	
Payroll	141.00		
Mileage & Expenses	146.34		
Advertising	19.50	306.84	
Balance to Revenue	93.16	400.00	

BUILDING COMMISSIONER EXPENSES

Appropriation		450.00	
Supplies	19.69		
Briefcase	48.38		
Mileage	132.84		
Telephone	.76		
Clerical Help	120.00	321.67	
Balance to Revenue	128.33	450.00	

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance		912.60
Mileage	252.72	
Meals	13.41	
Telephone	7.87	
School	75.00	
Envelopes	72.15	
Calculator	30.00	
Desk & Chair	18.00	469.15
Balance to Revenue	443.45	912.60

HEALTH EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Supplies	137.61	
Clinic Nurse	12.00	
Health Officer	442.50	
Plumbing Inspectors	432.00	
Telephone	96.11	
Vital Statistics	66.00	
Dog Officer	26.00	
Advertising	22.69	
Dues	6.00	1,240.91
Balance to Revenue	759.09	2,000.00

DUMP CONTROL

Appropriation		9,500.00
Transfer		1,200.00
Attendants	4,384.80	
Hired Machinery	4,374.00	
Exterminator	96.00	
Fill	1,724.18	
Gravel	71.49	
Highway Payroll	47.90	
Supplies	1.58	10,699.95
Balance to Revenue	.05	10,700.00

NURSE'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		800.00
Supplies	220.93	
Typewriter (1/3)	150.00	
Officer Furniture (C.D.)	86.00	
Cost Report	25.00	
Meetings	47.63	
Telephone	218.90	748.46
Balance to Revenue	51.54	800.00

NURSE'S CAR EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Gasoline	365.13	
Inspections	4.00	
Highway Payroll	6.38	
Highway Dept. Parts	36.88	412.39
Balance to Revenue	287.61	700.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWER PLANT

Appropriation		25,050.00
Refund		75.21
Payroll	14,546.75	
Repairs & Supplies	2,791.84	
Hired Machinery	841.73	
Worm Reducer	631.18	
Telephone	189.04	
Electricity	4,993.61	
Mileage	10.68	
Canadian Railroad	25.00	
Water	77.11	
Mower	157.45	
Advertising	7.35	
Billing	300.00	
Engineering	553.47	25,125.21

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		750.00
Transfer		6.81
Telephone	516.28	
Calculator	29.89	
Desk, Chairs (C.D.)	22.00	
Supplies	178.92	
Meals	9.72	756.81

HIGHWAY SICK, VACATIONS, & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		7,000.00
Holidays	2,140.40	
Vacations	1,517.00	
Sick	2,021.28	5,678.68
Balance to Revenue	1,321.32	7,000.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		34,000.00
Machinery Earnings		3,000.00
Transfer		1,857.52
From Other Departments		96.87
Payroll	10,053.46	
Gasoline	11,296.84	
Repairs & Supplies	17,137.87	
Advertising	32.45	38,520.62
Balance to Revenue	433.77	38,954.39

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		26,500.00
Payroll	15,149.52	
Salt	10,687.22	
Sand	6,123.29	
Sidewalks	1,029.60	
Hired Equipment	135.00	33,124.63
Deficit to 1979	6,624.63	26,500.00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Appropriation		45,000.00
Refund		88.00
Payroll	32,036.51	
Material	10,874.07	
Advertising	23.89	
Machinery Rental	764.00	43,698.47
Balance to Revenue	1,389.53	45,088.00

CHAPTER 765 CONST. (Form. Ch. 90) 1976

Balance		20,810.93
B. & M. Corporation	16,694.99	
Payroll	1,550.45	
Materials	1,708.04	
Town Machinery	857.45	20,810.93

CHAPTER 765 CONST. (Form. Ch. 90) 1977

Balance		36,626.00
Payroll	8,405.54	
Materials	9,458.27	
Town Machinery	1,057.45	
Hired Machinery	950.00	19,871.26
Balance to 1979	16,754.74	36,626.00

RECONSTRUCT SURFACE OF GULF ROAD

Balance		127.12
Fed. Rev. Shar.		20,000.00
Payroll	3,035.62	
Materials	5,980.29	
Hired Machinery	583.50	9,599.41
Balance to 1979	10,527.71	20,127.12

FOUR-MILE BROOK ROAD

Fed. Rev. Shar.		14,000.00
Payroll	1,600.65	
Material	2,003.62	3,604.27
Balance to 1979	10,395.73	14,000.00

SCHOOL

Appropriation		376,513.00
Teachers' Salaries	180,184.57	
Superintendent's Salary	6,993.12	
Admin. Asst. Salary	2,970.00	
Clerks	5,575.21	
Custodians	14,304.56	
Travel	855.25	
Nurse	2,233.96	
Transportation	33,765.85	
Textbooks	1,309.23	
Students' Supplies	7,539.16	
Visual Aids	525.55	
Testing Services	304.89	
Course Reimbursement	302.31	

Sundry Education	997.45	
Special Needs	51,394.41	
Census Enumerator	150.00	
Advertising	50.56	
Counsel Fees	411.90	
Comm. Exp./Memb.	140.24	
Professional Dues	42.90	
Principal's Office Supplies	74.37	
Physician's Salary	500.00	
Health Supplies	35.01	
Janitor Supplies	1,689.27	
Fuel	16,292.93	
Telephone	487.90	
Water	1,139.37	
Electricity	7,249.99	
Repairs & Maintenance	7,129.57	
Replacement of Equipment	801.34	
Special Project	1,756.36	
Insurance	380.11	
Supt's. Office Expense	2,307.79	
New Equipment	635.17	350,431.30
Balance to Revenue	26,081.70	376,513.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

Appropriation		6,860.00
Balance from 1977		362.60
Summer Playground Payroll	3,107.50	
Playground Supplies & Equipment	270.92	
Other Instructors	710.00	
Busses	713.00	
Rent Pool & Gym	445.00	
Basketball League Fee	84.00	
Little League Uniforms	300.00	
Tennis Balls & Trophies	58.28	
Archery Bows	22.01	
Clear Skating Pond	60.50	
Winter Carnival	87.89	
Hayride	60.00	
Snowball	52.53	
Trophies	30.17	
Stationery & Supplies	18.10	6,019.90
Balance to Revenue	1,202.70	7,222.60

PENTECOST ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Balance		6,336.75
Payroll	2,740.04	
Material	2,836.00	
Equipment Rental	406.00	5,982.04
Balance to 1979	354.71	6,336.75

SIDEWALKS

Balance		2,508.10
Appropriation		1,000.00
Payroll	1,553.00	
Materials	1,924.84	3,477.84
Balance to Revenue	30.26	3,508.10

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		22,730.00
Dog Fund		341.32
State Aid		986.63
Refund		3.00
Librarians	11,708.12	
Custodian	2,310.00	
Electricity	659.84	
Telephone	171.90	
Building Supplies & Repairs	193.23	
Emerg. Lights & Wiring	1,100.00	
Stone Work	200.00	
Doors, Etc.	302.24	
Windows	97.00	
Dehumidifier	157.08	
Vacuum Cleaner	199.95	
Lamp	32.95	
Papers & Magazines	514.78	
Books	3,937.54	
Library Supplies	185.05	
Advertising	10.44	
Fuel	1,685.22	
Field Library	150.00	
Meeting	48.00	
Water	36.00	23,699.34

Balance to Revenue	361.61	24,060.95
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MARINA STANLEY LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance		87.19
Interest Receipts		35.20
Books	34.20	34.20
Balance to 1979	88.19	122.39

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		400.00
Payroll	162.25	
Supplies	7.74	
Tune Piano	25.00	
Window Shades	170.10	365.09
Balance to Revenue	34.91	400.00

MEMORIAL & VETERANS' DAYS

Appropriation		525.00
Flags	175.50	
Loud Speaker System	30.00	
Plants & Wreath	243.75	449.25
Balance to Revenue	75.75	525.00

MAINTENANCE OF ATHLETIC FIELD

Appropriation		600.00
Payroll	383.34	
Gas & Oil	21.29	
Snow Fence	28.89	
Loam & Lime	73.60	
Equipment	63.88	571.00
Balance to Revenue	29.00	600.00

TOWN RECORDS COMMITTEE

Balance		24.59
Appropriation (Rev. Shar.)		1,200.00
Transfer		33.41
Payroll	36.00	
Telephone	29.98	
Meals, Mileage, Postage	31.52	
Professional Services	1,160.50	1,258.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		5,000.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
Center Cemetery		
Canadian National Railroad	5.00	
Water	36.00	
Labor	1,088.50	
Gas & Oil	13.54	
West Northfield Cemetery		
Labor	876.00	
Gas & Oil	18.60	
Paint	24.00	
Northfield Farms Cemetery		
Labor	276.00	
Gas & Oil	5.44	
Mt. Hermon Cemetery		
Labor	226.00	
Gas & Oil	1.77	
So. Mountain Cemetery		
Labor	74.00	
Gas & Oil	2.03	2,861.68
Balance to Revenue	2,138.32	5,000.00

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
1978

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Llewelyn, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Patricia Shearer, Secretary	Term expires 1980
Mr. Chadwick Glover	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Dorothy Persons	Term expires 1981
Mr. Charles Rogers	Term expires 1981

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington
Westfield State College - B.S.E., M.Ed.
Springfield College - CAGS, Administration
Office - 75 Main Street, Northfield - Tel. 498-2911

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A.

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Helen Mahoney
Mrs. Madelyn J. Page
Mrs. Shirley Baker, (P.T.)

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
School Vacations - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley, III - B.S., M.S.E.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

George Harris, Jr., M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Karen Marsh, R.N.

*SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools open September 6, 1978	Close November 22, 1978
Schools open November 27, 1978	Close December 22, 1978
Schools open January 2, 1979	Close February 16, 1979
Schools open February 26, 1979	Close April 12, 1979
Schools open April 23, 1979	*Close June 22, 1979

*Subject to State requirements

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

The September 1978 enrollment of (234) continues a pattern of declining student numbers, from a decade high of 325 (1967) to a projected 1979-80 entrance level of 216; a 34% decrease. Recognition of this trend prompted review and evaluation by the Committee and administration via a citizen Ad Hoc Committee on Staffing Patterns and subsequent public hearing. At this writing the mandate of the Subcommittee has been expanded to include a potential program study for Gifted and Talented, 1979-80. Suffice to state that budgeted staff will reflect some modification of present status; the exact assignment awaits final Ad Hoc Committee recommendation and School Committee review and vote.

Northfield Elementary School, a member of the five (5) town Union #18 system also shared in reallocated Special Needs Services with introduction of a system-wide resource room at the Bernardston Elementary School site. This shared thrust placed Northfield Elementary School students with more severe needs in a service component capable of meeting individual education plan objectives within system geographical, financial and personnel parameters. System-wide, the five Committees (Union #18) committed a year of investigation, research and in-service to the precepts of developmental placement of young children. This commitment will be displayed in modified school entrance age, back one month each year, 1979 to 1982, and involvement with the Gesell Institute of New Haven in Committee in-service, staff training and parent orientation in the year ahead.

On a larger front, we realize the past decade has imposed a number of events on member school systems of Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School District, some were not anticipated; many were predictable; all solicited response. Response entails change, a modification of one's thinking and mode of operation. This is a difficult and uncomfortable process, often delayed and subtly hoped that inaction in and of itself may bring resolution, or at least provoke minimum problem and response. Seldom does postponement breed success, and if we are to focus on the future, then we must place in perspective the events of recent years in an effort to gain breadth of understanding, insight, and coping strategies for the years directly ahead. Many are the events, yet a few surface with greatest impact -- they include, but are not limited to the following:

Collective Bargaining: Contract negotiations have a long history in the private sector but are of recent vintage in the public arena. Although fostered by legislation in 1965 and quickly exercised in urban and suburban school systems; they did not reach with any degree of frequency in rural areas until the 1970's. Nonetheless, they are here and now, forging a new relationship between School Boards and their staff, one that poses a responsibility to negotiate salaries, working conditions, benefits and to some degree, share the decision-making prerogatives of management within the workplace. The newness of this process in Union #18 forces a recognition that is uneasy, often misunderstood and irritating; it harbors an unspoken desire to maintain the personalness of pre-negotiation times on one hand,

and to develop a new group consensus on the other. One does not assume the identity of negotiator, nor transfer role from day to day easily -- it taxes the mature understanding of participants. The negotiation process assumes a bargaining table stance and management of contract by both parties - it often establishes rigid group boundaries and limits the ability to deal with people or problems on an individual basis. The autonomy of our (school) systems discourages professional assistance due to cost factors and places individual responsibility on committees and administration to engage directly in the negotiation mission. This approach takes great time, patience, understanding on both sides of the table and a level of resourcefulness and expertise. The by-products of such meeting place a new dimension on employer-employee relationship and often, regrettably, draws lines at various staff-management levels. The small size of our individual systems may place this process on a seemingly personal level - a feature divorced from large system sessions where contracts are carried to completion by professional representatives disassociated from the politics of the setting and aided by anonymity of numbers. Rhetoric aside, collective bargaining is here to stay and will without doubt expand in scope. Our task is to understand and utilize this process in an intelligent and creative way, one that will make schools and schooling better places for children to learn, divorced from the friction of labor issues.

Declining Enrollment: Our K-12 collaboration of schools has witnessed a decline in enrollment from a high of (1527) in 1971 to (1133) on October 1, 1978. The loss of (394) students represents a drop of some 26% and is fueled by student transfer of Gill grade 7 & 8 students to Gill-Montague (1973), the opening of the Franklin County Voc. Tech. School in 1976, the declining birth rate, later families and population movement to expanding work areas of the country. It has forced committees and administration to evaluate current and projected student-staff patterns. Often this evokes strong positions and emotions between young parents with school age children and the silent majority of member communities whose children have passed through school, who live on fixed income, and who together with all citizens face an erosion of buying power and higher taxation. Numerous information efforts have been made in the form of Study Committees and Hearings, yet a mixed constituency finds compromise difficult. Statistics notwithstanding, factors within our society that directly effect schools seem destined to continue in their present mold for some time and citizens of all ages much reach agreement, devoid of emotional overtones, and cognizant of job issues, on the size and shape of community resources to be utilized for educational needs. A return to classroom sizes of yesteryear is incompatible with current family structure, societal deficits and teaching modes - a middle ground is vital to total community response.

Competency Testing: Educator, citizen and business groups have joined with the State Board of Education to establish policy whose purpose is to assist all students in achieving mastery

of basic skills prior to high school graduation. The provision of appropriate curriculum, instruction, evaluation and regulations, still in the formative stage, is scheduled for adoption, January 1979; in essence they will require each local school district to:

- establish an early elementary (K-3), a late elementary level (4-6) and a secondary level (7-12), basic skills program;
- establish minimum standards in reading, writing and mathematics by the end of the 1980-81 school year and in listening, and speaking by the end of the 1981-82 school year;
- affirm that it has established such program in reading, writing and mathematics by September 1, 1980 and in listening and speaking by September 1, 1981;
- submit for approval to the Board of Education, a secondary level program in reading, writing and mathematics by September 1, 1980 and listening and speaking by September 1, 1981;
- report results of the basic skills assessment in reading, writing and mathematics to the Board of Education and the public, beginning August 31, 1981, and in listening and speaking beginning August 31, 1982.

Procedures, costs, reimbursement, and technical assistance has yet to be precisely defined, nonetheless, it is clear that a Basic Skills Assessment Program is eminent - a direct response to the public cry for a return to classroom basics and educational accountability.

Proposition 13 (2½%) - Middle Class Reaction: Rising energy costs, supermarket increases, post secondary tuitions, spiraling wages and their companion, higher costs of product, has brought pressure on many groups in our society. The middle class, caught between ineligibility in many assistance programs, yet constituting the bulk of tax dollar paid, has formed a resistance felt from California (Proposition 13) to Massachusetts (2½%). Only a last minute legislative defeat this past session stalled rigid financial boundaries in the State of Massachusetts. Rising from such defeat, and symbolic of the frustration of middle America with an inflated economy, is a current move to 'cap' FY80 municipal budgets at their FY79 level. Included are school budgets, the victim of higher fuel and utility costs, negotiated salary increases, state mandated programs, and the American level of expectation. Legislation containing municipal government 'capping' guidelines have yet to proceed through the political process and one can only hazard a guess as to the modifying, limiting and waiver clauses expected in the final edition. The pace of this process is symbolic, in that school and town budgets will have been formulated, contracts ratified, staff and programs planned and town meeting held, before the final judgement and its resultant guidelines and regulations reach responsible parties, sometime in June 1979, if past practice is a valid indication.

How will this effect the educational system? It may return committees to the drawing board regarding program and staff analysis; certainly, it will evoke a decision-making process guaranteed to produce anxiety, irritation and emotion on the part of employer, employee and consumer alike. How best we travel these uncertain waters ahead, in what portends to be a

de-escalation of all government services, will determine in large measure the ultimate strength of our education system. Certainly we will need input from a variety of constituencies. Of greater importance, and fundamental to this process, is a willingness to remain flexible and reach a common ground of understandings. The emotional 'fall-out' that can permeate such process can have long term, detrimental effects - it is a process that must encompass a depth of understanding, communication and maturity of participants.

Future Trends: A tilt point in education has been reached and there are definite signs observable in the reaffirmation of traditional values, basic skills and competencies, structure, achievement, competitive activity and reduced social promotion. A concerned public across the land has spoken, and only the arrogant would fail to heed its message. We ask only that reaction include caution, commonsense judgment and recognition of the many virtues of program growth within the past decade. A firm hand, guided by recognition of new tasks, assigned and inherited by the school in our present day society, is needed to balance our school curriculum with societal goals and resources. It is evident that private and public school alike will be challenged by those continuing to seek alternative learning environments within a society that continues to experiment, shift roles and life-styles, in an on-going quest for quality of life. Only those systems able to mesh their resources and philosophies will successfully survive in the uneasy period ahead.

Summarily, this has been a year of continued involvement with known programs and shared service components, bounded by the ever-present specter of inflationary effect on school operations. We continue, proudly, to provide Northfield students with access to Title I funded remedial services, extended learning excursions to the museum, library, aquarium, government institutions, environmental site, playing field and craft table - many are the resource persons and programs brought to the school site. You are also one of seventeen towns within the Franklin County Collaborative and one of eighteen towns within the Franklin County Voc. Tech. School District, respectively; resources that extend a service base to a total educational community. Continued membership in the five town Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School District allows shared services of an itinerant staff inclusive of special needs persons, nurse, instrumental and vocal music, art and physical education specialists. This collaboration provides a system response to the diversified needs of our student body and spreads cost effect over a broad base.

How best to effect service needs amidst a mixed community constituency remains a challenge of the late 70's - one that will be sorely tested against pending parameters at the local, state and federal level. We accept this challenge, aware that concerns exist, that not all factions will be satisfied; yet trusting that an aware and informed parent-citizenry will continue to provide a supportive quality educational service to

the children of Northfield. We seek your continued voice, support and responsiveness to this shared task, sensitive with us to the total needs of this community.

Respectively submitted,

Edwin F. Harrington
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The five (5) member Northfield Elementary School Committee continues to be increasingly aware of extended assignment hours at the bargaining table, Ad Hoc Citizen Committee attendance, Franklin County Collaborative Board membership duties and Pioneer Valley Regional School delegate responsibilities - all have escalated in recent years, well beyond the obligation of past decades. No longer can the Committee totally function within a historic autonomous sphere but must maintain active liason with town officials, citizenry and area system organizations in an effort to share resources, personnel and funding advantages offered within the structure of an expanding educational service unit.

This Fall, the Committee was confronted with a difficult task as it assessed declining enrollment at the local school site. Their problem was not unique within educational circles today, nonetheless, it was here and now, surrounded by the emotions of the workplace and the mixed voices of young and elderly citizens. Study displayed a decade-long loss of (91) students, from a high of (325) in 1967 to (234) in 1978; equivalent to a 28% decrease. A projection of (216) students for September 1979 further accelerates such decline to a 33.5% decrease over an eleven year span. This time period also witnessed an increase in staff service, on-site and shared, mandated by program need, statue and citizen expectation. Efforts were established to broaden the base of input and to remain responsive to a total community. Such was directly enhanced by a seven (7) member Ad Hoc Committee on Staffing Patterns, 1979-80, and further expanded to nine (9) members with the added charge of studying the feasibility of a Gifted and Talented Program. At date of this writing, the Ad Hoc recommendation and subsequent Committee vote reflects modification of staff for next year. The recommendation on Gifted and Talented programs awaits Ad Hoc Committee review, planning and definition and will be an on-going effort in the immediate months ahead. How best to balance current factors within our economy today with continuing expectations of our society will place the weight of the decision-making process squarely on the Committee in the period ahead.

On-going, planned maintenance focused on energy concerns this past year and resulted in completion of a storm window project instituted some two years ago at the Center School and the North Building (High School). Revamped lighting, one classroom per year, and the painting of two classrooms, the all-purpose space and North Building exterior trim highlighted general repair and refurbishment of both buildings. High on a priority list for next year is attic

insulation of the Center School with similar attention forming the thrust of 1980-81 at the North Building site.

Staff transition during 1977-78 was absent as all classroom teachers returned to prior year assignments. An adjunct special needs resource room assignment was discontinued due to student transfer, alternate out-of-district placement and on-site reassignment. Within the para-professional ranks, Mr. Gary Knapp replaced Lee Dresser as part-time evening custodian and Mrs. Eileen Kelleher assumed full-time cafeteria assignments of Mrs. Evelyn Dresser. Staff complement was completed with Mrs. Angela Mann filling part-time helper duties within the cafeteria operation.

Your Committee, operating in a complex era of legal, financial and educational demands, continues to assess need and function within the total resources of the community, alert to a mixed constituency and aware that decisions must involve a cross section of input. This mission places a delicate burden of responsibility on your Committee who maturely realize that not all factions will be satisfied but that an informed citizenry will support efforts to seek an excellence of education at the Northfield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Llewelyn, Chairman
 Patricia Shearer, Secretary
 Chadwick Glover, PVRS Representative
 Dorothy Persons, F.C. Collaborative Rep.
 Charles Rogers, Union #18
 Personnel Subc.

ENROLLMENT

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K	15	10	25
1	11	17	28
2	17	27	44
3	14	16	30
4	19	15	34
5	16	15	31
6	26	16	42
	<u>118</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>234</u>
7 (P.V.R.S.)	17	21	38
8	31	19	50
9	16	17	33
10	12	14	26
11	11	15	26
12	8	17	25
	<u>95</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>198</u>

Bernardston	3
Northfield Mt. Hermon	43
Huckle Hill School	2
Bement	6
Stoneleigh-Burnham School	1
The Common School	1
Hampshire Educational Collaborative	1
Franklin Tech School	39
	<u>96</u>

Northfield School Lunch - 1978

Opening cash balance		1,332.88
Receipts	20,172.98	
Disbursements:	20,462.23	
		(-289.25)
Closing cash balance		1,043.63

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1978 (K-6)

	Expended 1/1-6/30/78	Appropri- ation 1978-79	Expended 7/1-12/31	Budget 1979-80
1000 ADMINISTRATION	9,020.52	15,564.	7,831.97	16,289.
2000 INSTRUCTION	149,079.68	248,593.	79,648.88	255,033.
3000 OTHER SERVICES	26,112.99	46,812.	17,381.90	47,847.
4000 OPER. & MAINTENANCE	32,079.96	54,669.	17,508.70	66,550.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,481.61	3,224.	1,323.21	3,543.
7000 ACQ. OF FIXED ASSETS	635.17	1,219.	132.96	535.
9000 OTHER PROGRAMS	8,804.53	17,300.	3,772.75	16,627.
TOTALS	<u>227,214.46</u>	<u>387,381.</u>	<u>127,600.37</u>	<u>406,424.</u>

NET COST OF EDUCATION 1978 (K-12, incl. voc.)

Expenditures, (Elementary School)	354,814.83	
Expenditures (P.V.R.S., Northfield's share)	532,999.98	
Expenditures (F.C.T.S., Northfield's share)	<u>104,026.33</u>	991,841.14
Reimbursements:		
From Individuals (Tuitions)	178.80	
Chapter 70 (School Aid)	53,010.77	
Chapter 71B (Special Needs)	850.00	
Ch. 71 Sec. 7A (Transportation)	16,754.00	
Ch. 74 Vocational Transportation/Tuition	622.00	
For Gill Special Needs/Tuition	<u>1,783.94</u>	
	73,199.51	
Reimbursement paid P.V.R.S. (Nfld's share)	122,022.21	
Reimbursement paid F.C.T.S. (Nfld's share)	<u>760.67</u>	195,982.39
Net cost to Schools (K-12 incl. Voc.)		\$795,858.75

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST (K-12 incl. Voc.)

Year	Total Cost	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per pupil
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	614	457.16
1969	413,416.51	137,866.55	30.0	275,549.96	575	479.21
1970	483,898.48	210,542.50	43.5	273,355.98	580	471.30
1971	541,997.36	127,163.50	23.5	414,833.86	602	689.09
1972	613,376.33	170,887.65	27.9	442,488.68	609	726.58
1973	618,182.19	124,892.64	20.2	493,289.46	607	812.67
1974	646,524.03	169,867.49	26.3	476,656.54	612	778.85
1975	723,709.56	126,232.01	17.4	597,477.55	598	999.12
1976	819,249.86	286,016.24	34.9	533,233.62	598	962.52
1977	904,543.93	226,489.11	25.0	678,054.82	517	1,311.52
1978	991,841.14	195,982.39	19.8	795,858.75	475	1,675.49

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1978

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dr. Warren Blake, Chairman
Mr. Chadwick T. Glover (vice Chairman)
Mr. Theodore Penick
Mrs. Linda Franklin
Mr. Byron Beckwith
Mr. Roger Doiron
Mrs. Dorothy Rumens
Mr. Cyril Rumens
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth
Mrs. Helen Whipple
Mr. Robert Foote
Mrs. Judith Johnson

Northfield
Northfield
Northfield
Bernardston
Bernardston
Bernardston
Leyden
Leyden
Leyden
Warwick
Warwick
Warwick

Mr. Hamilton S. Cregar
Mr. David E. Zellmer

Treasurer
Secretary

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Annual Report of the Principal -- 1978

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

1978 was a year in which staff, administration and school committee were involved in the formation of several plans/procedures/policies in an effort to deal with a variety of challenges - a declining student population, increased accountability for student selections of courses, increased accountability in the staff evaluation process, a realistic look at course/class enrollment numbers.

The student population at P.V.R.S. has declined from a high of 620 students in the 1972-73 school year to a low of 460 students in the present 1978-79 school year. This decline for the most part is due to students transferring to the Franklin County Technical School and Northfield Mount Hermon, but a declining birth rate is also affecting total system enrollment figures (K-12).

Staffing at P.V.R.S. has been reduced by the equivalent of 3.6 full-time classroom teachers since the 1975-76 School Year. A further reduction of 1.7 full-time classroom teachers will take place prior to the beginning of the 1979-80 School Year.

A new Class Enrollment Policy was adopted by the P.V.R.S. School Committee in November, 1978, after having spent three months studying/evaluating course offerings, class sizes, enrollment trends, and potential options to the present student schedule of courses. This Class Size Policy to be in effect for the 1979-80 School Year states:

- A course will not be offered in the Annual P.V.R.S. Program of Studies unless the submitting Department has the contracted staff capacity for providing said course;
- A course will not be incorporated into the Master Schedule unless pre-registration data indicates an anticipated minimum enrollment of ten students;
- A Class will not be offered if the enrollment following registration (arena scheduling or equivalent) is less than a minimum of ten (10) students;
- Classes unable to meet the minimum level of ten (10) students at registration, will be presented to the P.V.R.S. District Committee at its regular May meeting, inclusive of recommendation for final Committee direction and vote;
- Two (2) or more related courses may be combined by the Administration to make a minimum class of ten (10) students.
- Team instructed classes shall have a minimum enrollment of ten (10) students;
- Physical Education classes shall enroll (25) students whenever possible, with no fewer than (15) students in effect in any single period;

- h. The Committee continues to encourage Independent Study Programs, Alternate Year Offerings, Seminar Formats, Teacher Agreed Overload and liaison with area institutions as a viable means of meeting student course needs.

With passage of the new policy on English-Social Studies groupings, all students in Grades 7-10 are grouped by their demonstrated ability/achievement in their required English and social studies programs. Also, all students in their required English 11 and English 12 courses are grouped by demonstrated ability/achievement. This policy places students in English and social studies courses/sections where the challenges are equal to their abilities to meet the requirements demanded of them.

The P.V.R.S. School Committee adopted a new Staff Evaluation Instrument - the result of a year long effort by a faculty committee chaired by Mr. Everett Masters, Assistant Principal. This instrument provides for greater frequency of evaluation by a greater number of people, considers performance within the total school program, provides for additional areas of evaluation, and requires a comment section to be completed by the evaluator.

Several in-service training days for staff members were planned/implemented during the past year. In an effort to up-date staff members in areas which directly affect student achievement/progress/welfare, workshops were held at Pioneer dealing with the following areas of concern:

1. Meeting the Emotional Needs of Students in the Classroom
2. Teaching the Talented and Gifted
3. CPR-First Aid (areas included choking, bleeding, poisoning, seizures, eye injuries, emergency procedures)

ENROLLMENT

Our school enrollment as mentioned previously has continued to decline. Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 460. This is a decrease of 14 under last year's September enrollment of 474. Students transferring to the Franklin County Technical School and to Northfield Mount Hermon directly account for this decrease. It is estimated/projected that our September 1979 enrollment will be approximately 467 students.

The enrollments as of December 1, 1978, were as follows:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Town of:</u>				<u>Total</u>
			<u>Nfld.</u>	<u>Bern.</u>	<u>Ley.</u>	<u>War.</u>	
Grade 7	50	42	38	35	8	11	92
Grade 8	53	48	50	38	9	4	101
Grade 9	32	39	34	23	7	7	71
Grade 10	39	31	29	26	8	7	70
Grade 11	31	40	29	22	12	8	71
Grade 12	19	35	26	18	6	4	54
	<u>224</u>	<u>235</u>					<u>459</u>

CURRICULUM

As a comprehensive school we have attempted to carry out the goal of our stated philosophy--to provide the broadest and most effective educational experiences possible within the limitations of our resources. To meet changing student needs, we continue to offer courses and student activities to encourage flexibility, specialization and individual choice.

We have been fortunate again this year to have received four grants which are the results of projects written by faculty members. They are:

1. Business Department (\$6147.) - This project funding, Pioneering in Word Processing, made it possible for our business department to purchase a memory typewriter costing \$4800. as well as supplementary materials to assist in advanced student program work.
2. Title IVB: Library-Media (\$3335.) This joint venture in cooperation with Northfield Mount Hermon made it possible for us to purchase materials on human relations, health, gifted and talented.
3. Home Economics Department (\$19,893.) - This project focused on the Survival Skills necessary to allow students to successfully cope with the world which surrounds them. Part of the funds were used to employ a Home Economics Curriculum Assistant for the 1978-79 School Year.
4. Specials Needs (\$8050.) - This joint K-12 project has made it possible for P.V.R.S. to share the services of a consulting teacher during the 1978-79 School Year. This federally funded staff member works directly with our staff in assisting them to work more effectively with our special needs youngsters.

These grants represent a total of \$37,425. additional state/federal funds that have been brought into Pioneer through the untiring efforts of P.V.R.S. faculty members. Indeed they are to be highly commended for their efforts.

Additions to this year's curriculum/co-curriculum offerings include:

1. Foreign Language Exploration in Grade 7 - Each Grade 7 student is scheduled for a marking period of both French and Spanish (three (3) periods per week). The emphasis/focus of the program is an oral/intercultural approach involving the following areas: foods, music, sports, holidays, customs, arts, famous people/places.
2. Course Credits - All courses except physical education receive one graduation credit for each class meeting per week/per year.
3. Universal Gym Facility - One half of our athletic storage building was converted into a room to house our new universal gym equipment. This \$3000. piece of equipment was purchased through student fund-raising projects, class donations, donations from our communities service organizations -

truly a TEAM effort on behalf of all involved. This equipment now makes it possible to include weight training and corrective therapy in our daily physical education program.

4. Interscholastic Sports Additions - A Grade 7-8 soccer program and a Grade 7-12 wrestling program were approved for the 1978-79 School Year.
5. New Gymnasium Floor - Installation of a new gym floor began in September. Also included in the re-construction were the installation of new metal gymnasium exit doors, casings and protective canopies along with the purchase of several new pieces of gymnastics equipment. Funds for this project were taken from our E & D account.

CHOSEN CAREERS

The seventy-seven (77) members of the Class of 1978 made plans for the future as follows:

4-year college - 15	Post graduate work - 3	Marriage - 2
2-year college - 18	Work - 38	Undecided- 0
	Service - 1	

47% - pursuing further education
 49% - entered the world of work
 4% - service, marriage or undecided

IN CONCLUSION

In 1978 as in previous years, any progress/successes that were achieved are directly attributable to the hose of both professional and lay people with whom I am associated. I am deeply grateful for the commitments they have given to their school. It takes an entire team of people to make a school system operate effectively. My sincere thanks go to Superintendent Harrington, my School Committee my faculty and staff, our students, and the parents and citizens of our school district for their untiring/unselfish efforts in behalf of their school and its students.

I urge you to visit your school at any time and feel free to offer advice or suggestions. We can only be totally successful when we are all totally knowledgeable and committed to the advantages and rewards of public educations.

I shall continue to lead Pioneer with my utmost dedication and concern for all. May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,
 William K. Decker
 Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer

Fiscal Year 1978

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

Balance on hand July 1, 1977 \$214,579.53

E & D Operating Surplus

Federal - State Programs

NDEA - Title II	\$ 41.08	
Title III-Project No.75-10	927.62	
Title VI	6.63	
ESEA - Title IV-B FY 1977	763.63	
PL 90 - 576-Project No. CH 1677	9,495.93	
George Barden Fund	10.50	11,245.39

Special Funds

School Lunch	6,108.70	
Athletic Dept.-Gate Receipts	(- 59.67)	
School Band	753.57	
Student Scholarship Reserve	669.60	
Bicentennial School House	(-1,616.00)	5,856.20

Advance payt.-Laboratory Nursery

Tuitions 77-78	480.00	\$232,161.12
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Receipts - Operational

State Reimbursements

Regional School Aid CH 71S 16D	
(Chap 492)FY77	24,631.88
FY78	50,273.00

Special Education CH 71B S13

(CH 766) FY77	9,419.00
FY78	19,118.00

Transportation Cha 71 S 16C FY77

FY78	7,288.00
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Occupational Ed. Ch 74 S 9 FY77

FY78	51,370.00
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State Wards Ch 76 S 7 FY76

FY77	18,185.00
	3,181.00
	1,828.60
	3,518.00
	188,812.48

Town Assessment Payments

Bernardston	286,759.97
Leyden	99,892.36
Northfield	415,931.12
Warwick	76,641.55
	879,225.00

Federal - State Programs

ESEA-Title IV-B FY 1978	3,334.65
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PL 90-576-Project

No. 78-750-505-004-6	5,891.00	9,225.65
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Tuitions

Individuals 4 prorated	2,287.98
Laboratory Nursery 2 replacements	60.00
	2,347.98

Carried forward

\$1,079,611.11 \$232,161.12

Brought forward		\$1,079,611.11	\$232,161.12
Receipts-Operational (continued)			
Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Sales	20,163.39		
Federal-State Reimbursements			
FY77	2,299.86		
FY78	12,033.83		
75% Reimb.-PVRS equip.	1,261.29		
75% Reimb.-Nfld.Elem.Equip.	1,158.45		
Refunds & Reimb. for supplies	<u>328.26</u>	37,245.08	
Athletic Dept.-Gate receipts		2,098.95	
Student Scholarship Reserve			
Soda Machine Collections	1,659.00		
Reimb.from Geo.Warner Fd.-Schol.	<u>15.00</u>	1,674.00	
Universal Gym			
Transfer from PVRS School Fund	3,300.00		
Transfer from E & D Op.Sur.-Comm. vote 1/26/78	1,500.00	4,800.00	
Insurance Claims Adjustments			
Glass breakage - Lobby	192.43		
Break-In Damage and Theft	599.06		
Lawn Damage	200.00		
Entrance Gates Damage	<u>233.00</u>	1,224.49	
Other Receipts			
Driver Education>Student fees	2,205.00		
Individual Insurance Payments	1,044.66		
Lost Books, Locker Damage - Student reimb.	446.05		
Workmen's Compensation Ins., Return premium	291.00		
Industrial Arts-Shop projects	212.50		
School Nurse - supplies	117.00		
Use of Building	88.50		
New England Telephone-Commissions	61.35		
Berkshire Collaborative-Substitute reimb.	60.00		
Workshop Luncheon	55.60		
Refunds and Reimbursements	49.81		
Unearned portion of engineering fee - Ainsworth	2,000.00		
Unused checks-deposited, credited to appr.accts.	752.26		
Savings Bank Withdrawals - Trust Funds - Schol.	925.00		
Interest Income-Oper.Savings Accts.	17,875.29		
Sales Tax Collections-Adult lunch	149.49		
Student Store	<u>20.34</u>	26,353.85	
Advance payt.-Laboratory Nursery Tuitions 78-79		<u>450.00</u>	\$1,153,457.48
Total Receipts and Holdings			<u>\$1,385,618.60</u>

Disbursements - Operational			
Operating Budget			
#1000 Administration	\$ 34,368.10		
#2000 Instruction	719,092.71		
#3000 Other Services	112,192.02		
#4000 Operation & Maintenance	121,532.60		
#5000 Fixed Charges	52,700.45		
#7000 Acquisition of Equipment	13,414.93		
#9000 Programs with other Schools	4,863.78	\$1,058,164.59	
Federal - State Programs			
ESEA-Title IV-B FY 1977	763.63		
Title IV-B FY 1978	2,581.96		
PL 90-576-Project No.CH 1677	5,542.77		
Proj. No.78-750-505-004-6	844.86	9,733.22	
Special Funds			
School Lunch			
Salaries	13,318.91		
Supplies	24,702.52		
75% Reimb.-Nfld.Elem.equip.-paid to Nfld.	1,158.45	39,179.88	
Athletic Dept.-Gate Receipts		2,204.83	
Student Scholarship Reserve			
Scholarships - Carol Johnson	100.00		
Paula Shores	100.00		
Susan Whitney	100.00		
Supplies - Soda Machine	1,616.05	1,916.05	
Universal Gym			
Equipment	3,300.00		
Shed Renovation-Materials and Supplies	1,500.00	4,800.00	
Insurance Claims			
Glass Breakage - Lobby	192.43		
Break-In Damage and Theft	599.06		
Lawn Damage	200.00		
Entrance Gates Damage	149.81	1,141.30	
Other Disbursements			
Workshop Luncheon	55.60		
Individual Insurance Payments	1,044.66		
Transfer from E & D Op.Sur.-Comm. vote 1/26/78	1,500.00		
Disbursements offset by check deposits	750.84		
Laboratory Tuitions refunded	60.00		
Geo.Barden Fund-refunded to State	10.50		
Sales Tax Payments-Mass.8%-6% Food	149.49		
Mass.5% General	20.34	3,591.43	
Trust Funds - Scholarships			
Leonard Eastman - Pamela Grover	50.00		
Theodore Cronyn - Susan James	50.00		
George A. Warner - Marilyn Robery	800.00		
George A. Warner - Diane Haskell	25.00	925.00	1,121,656.30

Carried forward

\$1,121,656.30

Brought forward			\$1,121,656.30
Balance on hand June 30, 1978			
E & D Operating Surplus	249,126.90		
Federal-State Programs			
NDEA-Title II	41.08		
Title III-Project No.75-10	927.62		
Title VI	6.63		
ESEA-Title IV-B FY 1978	752.69		
PL 90-576-Project No. CH 1677	3,954.58		
Proj.No.78-750-505-004-6	5,046.14	10,728.74	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	4,173.90		
Athletic Dept.-Gate Receipts	(- 165.55)		
School Band	753.57		
Student Scholarship Reserve	427.55		
Bicentennial School House	(-1,616.00)		
Entrance Gates Damage Insur.Claim	83.19	3,656.66	
Advance Payt.-Laboratory Nursery			
Tuitions 78-79	450.00	263,962.30*	
		<u>\$1,385,618.60</u>	
Distribution of Cash as of June 30, 1978*			
Operating Cash on Deposit in Banks 6/30/78			
Franklin Co.Trust Co.-Chkg.acct.	36,960.51		
Boston Five Cents Sav.-Spec.			
Notice Sav.	40,000.00		
Boston Five Cents Sav.-NOW acct.	99,957.18		
Franklin Sav.Inst.-Spec.Notice			
Sav. Acct.	66,800.00		
Franklin Sav.Inst.-Reg.Sav.acct.	99,549.51		
Northampton Sav.Inst.-1 yr. Term			
Certif.	20,000.00		
Northampton Sav.Inst.-Reg.Sav.			
acct.	18,278.10	381,545.30	
Less Disbursements as of June 30, 1978			
July,August Teachers' Salaries -			
FY 1978	99,926.20		
Clean-up Warrant - FY 1978	18,056.80	117,983.00	263,562.30
Add Treas.Petty Cash-Fr.Co.Tr.acct.			400.00
Cash Position as of June 30, 1978			263,962.30*
Trust Funds - Scholarships			
Balance on hand July 1, 1977	12,844.15		
Receipts-Interest-All funds 7/1/77-6/30/78	958.21	13,802.36	
Disbursements - Scholarships			
Leonard Eastman - Pamela Grover	50.00		
Theodore Cronyn - Susan James	50.00		
George A. Warner - Marilyn Robery	800.00		
George A. Warner - Diane Haskell	25.00		
Reimb.to Student Scholarship Res.	15.00	940.00	
Balance on hand June 30, 1978	12,862.36	13,802.36	

Respectfully submitted,
Hamilton S. Cregar
District Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR 1979 JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1978			
Balance on hand July 1, 1978	\$263,562.30		
Receipts - July 1-Dec. 31, 1978	525,784.20		
		\$789,346.50	
Less Disbursements-July 1,-Dec. 31, 1978		<u>504,166.29</u>	
Balance on hand December 31, 1978			\$285,180.21
Add Treasurer's Petty Cash			400.00
			<u>\$285,580.21</u>
Distribution of Funds-Operating:			
Franklin County Trust Co., Checking		49,584.95	
Franklin Savings Inst., Special Notice		16,800.00	
Franklin Savings Inst., Regular		99,392.47	
Northampton Inst.for Savings, Regular		11,914.81	
Northampton Inst.for Savings,1-yr. Term Cert.		20,000.00	
Boston Five Cents Savings, NOW		7,487.98	
Boston Five Cents Savings-Special Notice		40,000.00	
Boston Five Cents Savings, Treasury Plus		40,000.00	
			\$285,180.21
Treasurer's Petty Cash-Franklin Co. Trust,Checking			400.00
			<u>\$285,580.21</u>
Trust Funds - Scholarships			
Balance on hand July 1, 1978		12,862.36	
Balance on hand December 31, 1978			<u>\$ 12,862.36</u>
Distribution of Funds - Trusts			
Franklin Savings Inst., Special Notice		1,879.44	
Boston Five Cents Savings, 4-yr. Term Cert.		10,982.92	
			<u>\$ 12,862.36</u>

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 1978						
	FISCAL YEAR 1978		FISCAL YEAR 1979		FY 1980	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	6 Mos. Exp.	Budget	
1000 ADMIN.	34686.00	34368.10	37849.00	19483.06	37801.00	
2000 INSTR.	744567.00	719092.71	778823.00	255210.69	791740.00	
3000 OTHER SER.	122084.00	112192.02	116323.00	49317.50	119375.00	
4000 OP.& MAIN.	107194.00	121532.60	119113.00	76959.96	147065.00	
5000 FIXED						
CHARGES	59725.00	52700.45	66484.00	32815.03	66832.00	
7000 ACQ.OF FIXED						
ASSETS	14016.00	13414.93	6517.00	4628.34	7200.00	
9000 PROGRAMS WITH						
OTHERS	6953.00	4863.78	3525.00	3525.00	0.00	
	<u>1089225.00</u>	<u>1058164.59</u>	<u>1128634.00</u>	<u>441939.58</u>	<u>1170013.00</u>	

FISCAL YEAR 1980
OPERATING BUDGET

1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 37,801.00	
2000 INSTRUCTION	791,740.00	
3000 OTHER SERVICES	119,375.00	
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	147,065.00	
5000 FIXED CHARGES	66,832.00	
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	7,200.00	
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS	0.00	\$1,170,013.00

Reduced by:

ANTICIPATED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS		
Regional School Aid (Chap. 492)	77,486.00	
Transportation	40,000.00	
State Wards	2,862.00	
Chapter 70 Revised - School Aid	101,000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS-INTEREST, TUITIONS, FEES-LOCAL	15,000.00	236,348.00

TO BE APPORTIONED AMONG MEMBER TOWNS \$ 933,665.00

Apportionments:

Bernardston	160/449	332,709.13	
Leyden	49/449	101,892.17	
Northfield	200/449	415,886.42	
Warwick	40/449	83,177.28	\$ <u>933,665.00</u>

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

For The Calendar Year January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

To the citizens of the Franklin County Technical School District---

Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Montague, New Salen, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

The school year ending December 31, 1978 has been a busy and rewarding period for the School and for the District Committee. Due to the size of this Committee and the scope of issues for consideration, frequent meetings, both regular monthly meetings and numerous sub-committee meetings are a necessity. This requires an additional commitment of time by most members, and is essential if the business of the Committee is to be accomplished. In this, our third year of operation, we continue to be impressed with the ability and dedication of the faculty and staff of the School. We are gratified by the obvious interest and enthusiasm of the students, and it is clear, that in addition to basic course offerings, students also have the opportunity to participate in such activities as music, art and athletics. The new track and field facility, funded by a Federal Grant, has been completed and it will be in use next Spring.

Student enrollment of 850 in the Day Programs is at capacity, and the Evening Program currently attracts over 400 adults from the area. These figures and the knowledge that the Tech School continues to receive late afternoon and evening use by many outside groups and agencies throughout all of Franklin County assure us that full value is being gained from the school facilities. Additionally, some Franklin County towns, not presently in the District, have shown an interest in becoming members.

Since the District Committee is so large, it is inevitable that changes in membership will occur. However, it is always unfortunate when any experienced and active committee members make known their decision to leave the Committee. Moreover, when departures come from the charter members, David Filkins of Deerfield and Harold Harris of Shelburne, the Committee and the District stand diminished by their leaving. Both Harold and David "started from scratch" with the original committee and have labored long and hard for the District. We understand and support with regret their action, but they shall be missed.

This Committee is dedicated to the cause of fair and reasonable representation in and for the District. It stands for the achievement of the best education possible for those monies that this Committee is charged to provide. We welcome your suggestions toward this goal, and we solicit your continued support in the interest of the children of this District.

From the entire District Committee, sincere thanks to Superintendent-Director O'Neil, and the entire Tech School staff, advisors to the School, area educators and municipal officials for their cooperation and support. We look forward to continued success as this School and the communities of the District combine their efforts toward educational excellence.

The report of the Superintendent-Director appears elsewhere, and we commend it to your attention knowing that it will help you to more completely appreciate the school system of which we are so proud.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold S. Overing
Chairman

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

December 31, 1978

Bernardston:	Frederic D. MacNeill	Heath:	Robert B. Gruen
Buckland:	Robert MacGregor, III	Montague:	Charles J. Gloski
Colrain:	William H. Dornbusch		Donald F. O'Hara
Conway:	George B. Eldridge	New Salem:	Harold S. Overing
Deerfield:	Andrew L. Rohrs	Northfield:	Marian A. Holbrook
Erving:	Harold E. Reed	Rowe:	Thomas S. Gilley
Gill:	Shirley E. Flagg	Shelburne:	Vacancy
Greenfield:	Marilyn M. Lee	Sunderland:	Clarence H. Warner
	Jane M. Dutcher	Warwick:	Fredericka H. Fellow
	David A. Yetter, Jr.	Wendell:	Vacancy
	Frank W. Sussenberger	Whately:	Jane H. Grybko

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Calendar Year January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

I am pleased to submit this as my third annual administrative report. As in previous reports, I shall attempt to summarize the most significant activities that contributed to our school's growth and development during this past year. My report will close with a brief analysis of the Technical School's future role in Franklin County.

Our third school year opening exceeded all previous enrollments. The October 1, 1978 day school enrollment reached a capacity 849. One out of every four Grade 9 - 12 student in Franklin County is now attending the Tech School -- making it the largest high school in the County. As expected, the female enrollment continued to increase at a rapid rate. Fifty percent of this year's ninth grade class was female. It is anticipated that by 1980 forty-two percent of the students at the school will be female.

During this past year, a number of important changes were made to our curriculum. In compliance with recently enacted state mandates regarding basic competency education, the staff is formulating plans to strengthen our mathematics and reading programs. Also, in all of the core subjects, our staff has more effectively integrated a program of individualization.

Due to a continuing large applicant file in the 9 - 12 grades, it will be necessary to decrease the Post-Graduate enrollment substantially in the 1979-80 school year. Also, the recently revised

ninth grade exploratory program resulted in a markedly high placement rate for first choice tenth grade shop placements.

A number of student program innovations took place this year. A new and unique student discipline contract was developed to complement our in school suspension system. A new student newspaper, Tech Talk, a Drama Club, a Ski Club, and expanded Future Farmers and Distributive Education Club activities were incorporated into the extra curricular program. A grant from the Massachusetts Arts and Humanities Foundation enabled the school to utilize the services (on a short term basis) of a sculptor in our Art Department.

The continuing emphasis in Special Needs Assistance at the national and state levels has enabled this school to benefit in staff and program from new federal funding resources. In cooperation with the STAVROS organization, this entire school plant was evaluated for handicap accessibility. Moreover, new and improved strategies in Mathematics and Reading remediation were inaugurated.

The Technical School District Committee received short and long range studies on plant and equipment recapitalization needs. In addition the Committee authorized certain interior building improvements and modifications to enable this school, architectually planned for 600 students, to stretch to its present 850 student capacity. Also, in cooperation with personnel of the Northeast Utilities Corporation and the Greenfield Community College, our staff devised equipment modifications which resulted in major energy economies.

As in the past, this school was the beneficiary of a number of substantial material and equipment donations from area businesses and industries. These items, coupled with certain federal and state surplus commodity purchases have proved to be a very cost effective method of bringing all eighteen shops closer to complete inventory.

Since the major goal of Vocational Education is.... "to prepare students to seek, acquire and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field," we addressed that goal by increasing the staff of our job placement department with a Vocational Cooperative Coordinator. Our placement staff assisted in positive job placement for over seventy-five percent of our first large graduating class. The second year Cooperative Work Experience Program, which places seniors in out of school job training programs, showed a one hundred percent increase over the opening year. Also, our Vocational Placement Office began a new program this year aimed at encouraging both males and females to investigate and to train in non-traditional employment fields.

In order to make the Tech School a viable and integral part of the Franklin County Community, a number of informational programs were started. A successful annual Parents' Visitation Night was held in November. Also, a new quarterly Newsletter was developed for parents of the Technical School students. Following requests from area librarians, the Technical School began the coordination of an inter-high school film and media loan cooperative. Many of our shops, especially Graphics, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electricity, and Computer completed cost and time saving projects for the District towns.

In closing, I would like to offer my brief analysis of the future role in Franklin County for the Technical School. Almost certainly, there will continue to be a steady and increasing interest by high school aged students in this school. Although it is likely that the male applications will begin to level off by 1981, the interest by female applicants will demonstrate continued growth for some time to come. Also, students in non-member towns will continue to demonstrate high interest which cannot be satisfied.

The day school programs, as presently structured, have reached capacity. Therefore, with declining or leveling enrollments in our area high schools, it is certain that an orderly and systematic planning process is necessary for the optimum future utilization of all of the county's educational plants and programs. This has already been initiated by the area school leaders. Cooperative inter-school scheduling, programming, and, possibly, staffing, satellite courses, later afternoon, and year round schooling practices will be future realities for as early as 1981.

It seems equally certain that the national and state trends in adult job training, retraining and career change programs will be a realistic part of the Technical School's future. This institution will continue to cooperate with all of the area's major employment agencies to establish viable, non-duplicative, and cost effective service centers for the youth and adults of this District.

Finally, a comment must be made relative to the instability that is reflected by present state and federal educational funding practices. This Regional Vocational Technical School was planned and budgeted by Franklin County citizenry on the good faith assumption that the Commonwealth would honor its lawful obligations by maintaining a fair reimbursement formula. If more and more of the state's financial obligation is shifted to the local towns, there is little doubt that public confidence will continue to erode.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to our entire educational community at the Tech School for their significant assistance and cooperation during our third year of operation. Also, I wish to thank the hundreds of parents, townspeople, business, industrial, and education benefactors for giving so generously of their time and talents toward our common goals.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to you and your Committee. Your continued and constant support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration of this fine school is sincerely rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,
James J. O'Neil, Jr.
Superintendent-Director

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1980 BUDGET

RECAPITULATION

OPERATING

1000 ADMINISTRATION	97,642.
2000 INSTRUCTION	1,523,327.
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	344,489.
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	321,660.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	145,100.
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	180,281.
SPECIAL EDUCATION	115,520.
OCCUPATIONAL EVENING PROGRAM	23,200.
OPERATING TOTAL	2,751,219.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT	671,400.
TOTAL OPERATING TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	2,079,819.

CAPITAL

8000 DEBT RETIREMENT	345,000.
DEBT SERVICE	348,480.
CAPITAL TOTAL	693,480.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT	384,189.
TOTAL CAPITAL TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	309,291.

SUMMARY

Operating and Capital Budget Total	\$ 3,444,699.
Less Estimated Reimbursements	1,055,589.
Total Assessment to Towns	\$ 2,389,110.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1980 BUDGET ASSESSMENT
7/1/79 through 6/30/80
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,389,110.

TOWN	OPERATING %	OPERATING SHARE	SPECIAL OPERATING %	SPECIAL OPERATING SHARE	TOTAL OPERATING SHARE	CAPITAL %	CAPITAL SHARE	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
BERNARDSTON	3.26	67,063.69	2.86	663.52	67,727.21	3.000	9,278.73	77,005.94
BUCKLAND	4.35	89,418.22	0.26	60.32	89,478.54	3.105	9,603.49	99,082.03
COLRAIN	4.83	99,353.58	2.34	542.88	99,896.46	3.165	9,789.06	109,685.52
CONWAY	3.74	76,999.01	0.78	180.96	77,179.97	2.065	6,386.86	83,566.83
DEERFIELD	8.70	178,836.43	9.90	2,296.80	181,133.23	8.820	27,279.47	208,412.70
ERVING	3.50	72,031.33	3.13	726.16	72,757.49	6.255	19,346.15	92,103.64
GILL	3.14	64,579.83	1.82	422.24	65,002.07	2.385	7,376.59	72,378.66
GREENFIELD	28.50	586,186.08	32.81	7,611.92	593,798.00	29.750	92,014.17	685,812.17
HEATH	0.85	17,386.88	1.57	364.24	17,751.12	1.160	3,587.78	21,338.90
MONTAGUE	19.81	407,349.65	27.86	6,463.52	413,813.17	13.480	41,692.43	455,505.60
NEW SALEM	1.21	24,838.38	0	0	24,838.38	1.105	3,417.67	28,256.05
NORTHFIELD	4.71	96,869.74	2.08	482.56	97,352.30	5.455	16,871.82	114,224.12
ROWE	1.45	29,806.07	1.04	241.28	30,047.35	7.970	24,650.29	54,697.64
SHELburne	4.23	86,934.38	5.47	1,269.04	88,203.42	3.365	10,407.64	98,611.06
SUNDERLAND	2.54	52,160.63	0.78	180.96	52,341.59	4.630	14,320.37	66,661.96
WARWICK	0.97	19,870.72	0.78	180.96	20,051.68	1.000	3,092.91	23,144.59
WENDELL	1.57	32,289.91	3.92	909.44	33,199.35	0.880	2,721.76	35,921.11
WHATELY	2.66	54,644.47	2.60	603.20	55,247.67	2.410	7,453.81	62,701.48
	100.00%	\$2,056,619.00	100.00%	\$23,200.00	\$2,079,819.00	100.000%	\$309,291.00	\$2,389,110.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1978

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics records be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1978

DATE	PARENTS
January	
6 Gaudet, Jessica Lynn	Douglas A. & Lenore H.
February	
3 Coutu, Gwen Ann	Bruce A. & JoAnn M.
27 Hale, Amanda Mae	Dayton A. & Amy R.
March	
9 Bolton, Rebecca Grace	Donald G. & Linda G.
10 Horta, Antonio Raymond	Mark A. & Linda M.
30 Baker, Marybeth	Douglas A. & Patricia E.
April	
4 Kopinto, Mary Elizabeth	John J. & Teresa M.
23 Arsenault, JoAnne M.	Dennis A. & Charlene M.
July	
1 Pasteris, Daniel Robert	Robert J. & Susan
2 Canney, Isaac Robin	Bruce K. & Kathryn L.
17 Sweeney, Nicole Erin	Theodore R. & Elizabeth A.
August	
4 Moody, Kimberly Alicia	David M. & Alice E.
6 Putnam, Jonathan Leigh	Cornelius S. & Deborah J.
September	
2 Craig, Micah Alexander	James E. & Margaret J.
18 Kiablick, Emily Alice	John R. & Alice B.
29 Black, Keri Ann	Lester A. & Sharon L.
November	
14 Morgan, Johnathon Henry	James P. & Alice J.
20 Williams, Angela Lee	Carl L. & Debra A.
30 Holloway, Jaime Lee	Steven H. & Denise M.
December	
1 Miller, Casey Lea	Kenneth Lee & Rosemary E.
31 Bonnett, Nickolas Kurt	Larry E. & Katalin A.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1978

Date	Name	Age		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
January				
2 Miner, Herman A.		73	5	20
23 Lloyd, Edward Bassett		88	8	28
February				
5 Urgielewicz, Katherine E.		64	11	29
13 Cook, George Frederick		72	6	26
March				
1 Mroczek, Erma (Stebbins)		66	8	1
28 Huber, Clara Mena (Johnson)		83	0	16
30 Broderick, John J.		81	1	16
April				
8 Finnilla, Waino F.		65	10	18
25 Dumbreck, Robert Duncan		65	2	25
28 Pefferle, George Harold		90	4	11
May				
31 Leyden, Peter, Jr.		77	4	19
June				
19 Dalton, William Henry, Jr.		57	10	27
July				
6 Fleury, Wilfred P.		68	3	18
6 Blood, Mildred (Miller)		82	3	26
10 Stacy, Harrison Gilbert		79	5	10
28 Hogan, John A.		46	9	12
August				
15 Powers, Flora Morrow		63	2	18
September				
19 Livingston, Edgar		78	2	13
24 Kazanowski, Andrew H.		63	11	22
28 Thompson, Ray Kinsman		68	4	10
October				
19 Dobson, Tanya Marie		3 hrs.	1 min.	
29 Waaser, Harry John		67	3	9
November				
6 Briesmaster, Alice (deVeer)		91	3	5
13 Severance, Irwin M.		80	7	9
14 Sevene, Ruth Whitney		69	9	16
17 Olsen, Paul Emil		76	5	24
19 Hale, Dayton Frank		69	11	12
December				
9 Gibson, Ralph Van Dyke		83	6	26

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1978

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>		
January				
✓ 27	Patenaude, Joseph Richard, Northfield, Ma. Lindgren, Sally (Field), Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
February				
✓ 4	Campbell, Stephen J., Needham, Ma. Camuse, Susan, Needham, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
April				
✓ 8	Jordan, Donald R., Jr., Bernardston, Ma. Shippa, Rebecca M., Northfield, Ma.	Vernon, Vermont		
May				
✓ 13	Peach, Davis Edward, Brattleboro, Vt. Hould, Gail Ann, Brattleboro, Vt.	Lenox, Mass.		
✓ 20	Zurich, John Christopher, Westminster, Vt. Simon, Sheila Irene, Westminster, Vt.	Amherst, Mass.		
✓ 21	Cushman, Jeffery B., Warwick, R. I. Johnson, Lisa M., West Yarmouth, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
June				
✓ 3	Jepson, Daniel Alexander, Northfield, Ma. Stearns, Bonnie Lou, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 3	Otto, Robert Walker, Northfield, Ma. Fosdick, Joni Ellen, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 9	Gagne, Joseph Philip, Northfield, Ma. Hall, Barbara Jean, Northfield, Ma.	Greenfield, Mass.		
✓ 11	Billings, Donald Malcolm, Northfield, Ma. Cranson, Martha Louise, Bernardston, Ma.	Bernardston, Mass.		
✓ 23	Gosselin, Edward Joseph, Northfield, Ma. Hart, Santana Rosemarie (Champagne), Northfield, Ma.	Greenfield, Mass.		
✓ 24	Rose, Gerald David, Bernardston, Ma. Monette, Elizabeth Mary, Northfield, Ma.	Bernardston, Mass.		
✓ 24	Glazier, Clayton Howard, Northfield, Ma. Webber, Esther Irene (Hale), Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
July				
✓ 1	Hild, Herbert W., Hillsdale, N.J. Martin, Daisy (Grimm), Jackson, N.J.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 8	Spitzer, Paul Randolph, Ithaca, N.Y. Shepard, Margaret Boynton, Ithaca, N.Y.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 15	Navaroli, John Leonard, Dedham, Ma. Holloway, Karen Ann, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 22	Amidon, Peter Robertson, Brattleboro, Vt. Copeland, Mary Alice, Brattleboro, Vt.	Monterey, Mass.		
August				
✓ 5	Kopasz, Harold, Pueblo, Colo. Stratton, Pamela Jean, Northfield, Ma.	Greenfield, Mass.		
August				
✓ 6	Doolittle, Sidney Bartoo, Jr., Brewerton, N.Y. Maxson, Helen Fleming, Brewerton, N.Y.	Ashburnham, Mass.		
✓ 12	Cooley, Robert Jacobs, Northfield, Ma. Bossick, Vera Jane (Parry), Holyoke, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 19	Frado, John J., Jr., Northfield, Ma. Hall, Christina Ruth, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 20	Liebmann, Martin Allan, Northfield, Ma. Herringshaw, Donna Irene, Northfield, Ma.	Gill, Mass.		
✓ 26	Tessier, Peter Joseph, E. Hartford, Conn. Livingstone, Betty Ann, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 27	Astion, Douglas, Sunderland, Ma. Potter, Donna Lee, Sunderland, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
September				
✓ 2	Sites, Richard Lee, Poway, Cal. Henderson, Deborah Renee, Poway, Cal.	Gill, Mass.		
✓ 3	Riebsame, William Edward, Spencer, Ma. Travis, Anne Meadow, Spencer, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 9	Doolittle, James Edward, Northfield, Ma. Swiercz, Patricia Ann, Greenfield, Ma.	Greenfield, Mass.		
✓ 16	Shedd, Peter Allan, Bernardston, Ma. Whitney, Sandra Lee, Northfield, Ma.	Deerfield, Mass.		
✓ 23	Parker, Craig Ernest, Northfield, Ma. Towne, Venna Ruth, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 30	Gray, Dan Abbott, Northfield, Ma. Johnson, Lyne Susan, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
October				
✓ 7	Hilliker, Joel Mark, Northfield, Ma. Kratz, Joy Eileen, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 7	Urgielewicz, Michael Matthew, Northfield, Ma. Plotczyk, Janet, Worcester, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 14	Underwood, Dennis David, Gill, Ma. Bourdeau, Eleanor Elizabeth, Northfield, Ma.	Montague, Mass.		
✓ 21	Deome, Ronald R., Vernon, Vt. Gamache, Holly J., Northfield, Ma.	Vernon, Vermont		
November				
✓ 4	Pratt, Douglas Alan, Bernardston, Ma. Rockwell, Denise Alice, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
✓ 4	Bonnett, David Alfred, Northfield, Ma. Wilder, Marsha June, Northfield, Ma.	Bernardston, Mass.		
✓ 11	Bixby, Frederick Eugene, Greenfield, Ma. Holloway, Jane Marie, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		
December				
✓ 25	Boyko, Edward Michael, Northfield, Ma. Peterson, June Phillips, Northfield, Ma.	Gardner, Mass.		
✓ 31	Arsenault, Timothy Ralph, Vernon, Vt. Conway, Dizaree Lynn, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Mass.		

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 1 and 2, 1978

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 873 votes had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Horace F. Field	822
Blanks	51
Selectman, three years	
Fernand A. Caron	362
Clesson M. Field, Jr.	52
Ralph K. Leach	440
Bruce Gamache	2
Blanks	17
Assessor, three years	
Richard Lai	199
Warren E. Whitney	661
Blanks	13
Tax Collector, three years	
Gordon W. Leavis	800
Blanks	73
School Committee, three years	
Linda J. Gamache	361
Newbold Noyes, III	313
Dorothy M. Persons	473
Charles P. Rogers	449
Blanks	150
PVRS Committee, three years	
Patricia A. Lemon	265
Theodore G. Penick	570
Blanks	38
Library Trustees, three years	
Bruce K. Canney	202
Marcia A. Edes	375
Dorothy M. Hammond	525
Jon G. McGowan	494
Blanks	150
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Richard H. Bassett	700
Brian D. Doyle	148
Blanks	25
Planning Board, three years	
John T. Callahan	655
Edwin H. LaMontagne	197
Blanks	21
Board of Health, three years	
Grace J. Blake	571
Bruce M. Gamache	265
Blanks	37

Sewer Commissioner, three years

Kenneth E. Jewell	457
Kenneth Lee Miller	395
Blanks	21

Recreation Commission, three years

Judith A. Flemister	459
Alice E. Fortier	480
Deborah J. Gleason	324
Cynthia J. Goller	336
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	474
Gilbert G. Rochon	389
Blanks	157

After reading the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 2, 1978

Approximately 200 voters assembled in accordance with the warrant at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator, and Mr. Harry Erickson gave the invocation.

The reading of the Warrant was waived, and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim

against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment and further provided that the defense or settlement or such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purposes by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 1979, and further voted that the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this Article, and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately and the amount thereof and the manner of making the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted, and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>FY1979</u>
Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$ 100.00
Selectmen	2875.50
Chairman	\$995.50
Other Members	940.00
Expense	2000.00
Secretary	2827.00
Accountant	4000.00
Expense	200.00
Legal Expense	5000.00
Treasurer	2560.00
Expense	1450.00
Tax Collector	2415.00
Expense	2000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00
Assessors	2560.00
Chairman	\$890.00
Others	835.00
Expense	2200.00
Town Clerk	1447.00
Expense	200.00
Election & Registration	2500.00
Planning Board Expense	700.00
Board of Appeals Expense	250.00
Nurse & Substitute	13780.00
Nurse's Expense	800.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services	5000.00
Clerk	2827.00
Car Expense	500.00
Inspection of Animals	477.00

Sewer Commissioner's Salary	618.00
Each Commissioner \$206.00	
Sewer Commission Expense	75.00
Operation & Maintenance of Sewers	25835.00
Highway Supt. Expense	750.00
Highway Tools	1500.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	8172.00
Sidewalks	2000.00
Street Lights	28000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	50.00
Soldier's Relief	6000.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	835.00
Finance Committee Expense	75.00
Town Hall	12000.00
Police Chief Salary	14734.00
Special Police Salaries	7200.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	9000.00
Police Dept. Secretary	2827.00
Police Chief's Vacation Replacement Account	1000.00
Conservation Commission Expense	200.00
Fire Department Salaries	850.00
Fire Chief	\$500.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Secretary	150.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	9500.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	2500.00
Hydrants	500.00
Water Holes	1000.00
Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage	4500.00
Public Safety	100.00
Wire Inspector	1200.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	3400.00
Dutch Elm Control	3000.00
Insect & Pest Control	413.06
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00
Board of Health	618.00
Each Member	\$206.00
Health	2000.00
Sanitary Landfill	9500.00
Elementary Schools	387382.00
PVRS Operating	402285.03
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Capital	18056.05
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Operating	106062.24
Town Reports	1500.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	525.00
Alexander Hall	400.00
Insurance	30000.00
Chapter 32 B	22500.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	100.00
Historical Society Building	200.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	600.00
Recreation Commission	6000.00
Interest	900.00
Historical Commission	200.00

Historic District Study Committee	200.00
Building Commissioner	4000.00
Expense	450.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	25374.00
Field Library	250.00
Civil Defense	1868.00

(Article 5. Motion 2.) VOTED: That all the salaries of each elected official for the Fiscal Year 1979 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

(Article 5. Motion 3.) VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

The following Resolution was read by Mrs. Carolyn B. Parenteau:

RESOLUTION

'WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contribution to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of May 1978 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Margaret Lloyd Jones - Library Trustee
 Edward R. Davis - Building Commissioner and
 Assistant Fire Chief
 Walter F. Asseng - School Committee
 Rebecca J. Fowler - School Committee
 John H. Thayer - Pioneer Valley Regional School
 Committee
 Arthur E. Knapp, Jr. - Planning Board
 Margaret M. Craig - Board of Health
 Edward L. Fortier - Sewer Commission
 William R. Giles - Recreation Commission
 Frank R. Foster, III - Recreation Commission
 Margaret L. Zabko - Recreation Commission
 Dwight P. Stearns - Finance Committee
 Charles W. Llewellyn, Jr. - Finance Committee
 Edward M. Powell, Jr. - Finance Committee
 Gilbert S. Hammond - Animal Inspector
 Everon P. Pollen - Plumbing Inspector
 Laurence M. Hammond - Historical Commission
 Evelyn H. Parker - Historical Commission
 Patricia E. Shearer - Historical Commission
 William A. Knipe - Conservation Commission
 Shirley Carson - Conservation Commission
 Dorothy C. Pollen - O.C.I.P. Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 May 2, 1978'

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for such employee.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town accept and appropriate the sum of \$385.63 provided by the County Dog Fund, to the Dickinson Memorial Library, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172.

Article 8. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$926.25 already received from the Commonwealth for public library purposes, in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purchase and installation of insulation above the ceiling of the second story rooms at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase and installation of storm windows for the rooms on the second story of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of fish to be liberated into the streams of the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,431.00 for the purpose of providing Mental Health and Retardation Services for citizens of the Town, and that said sum of \$2,431.00 be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee, or the Board of Health, or under their joint direction, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$381.97 and transfer the sum of \$118.03 from the Anti-Recession Account for the Franklin County Home Care Corporation for the purpose of providing home care and nutrition services to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to the residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to fund such contract, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, the sum of \$3,000.00, to be applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year 1979 under the Town's contract for the provisions of ambulance service.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town, including any report relating to the acquisition of additional land therefor. (Heard informal report of Mr. David Quinn.)

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00 for Snow Removal throughout the Town, such sum not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town accept and expend any funds available for Chapter 90 type work, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1977.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$34,000.00 for the Machinery Maintenance Account of the Town, such sum not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$1,500.00 be transferred from the Machinery Earnings Account of the Town, and the sum of \$32,500.00 be raised and appropriated by the Town.

Article 20. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for General Highway Maintenance, such amount not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 21. VOTED: That the Town establish a Purchasing Committee to advise the Town Administrators on the purchase or rental of items in excess of \$500.00, excluding petroleum products and office equipment and supplies; said committee to review all bid specifications and proposals before awarding of the same; and said committee to consist of one member appointed by, but not from the Board of Selectmen, one member appointed by, but not the Moderator, and one member appointed by, but not from the Finance Committee, for a term of three years, except that the initial appointment shall be one member for three years, one member for two years and one member for one year.

Article 22. (Amended motion to transfer sum of \$9,500.00 defeated.) VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a 1978 one-ton Stake Body Truck and related equipment for use by the Highway Department of the Town, and further to dispose of the 1973 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Article 23. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the rental of a screening plant for use by the Highway Department of the Town.

Article 24. VOTED: Yes 80, No 66 - That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$2,800.00 for the purchase of a new 2-yard Sander Body for use by the Highway Department of the Town.

Article 25. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to obtain an FM Radio System to be installed in the Highway Department Garage and vehicles, and further to trade-in or dispose of the present CB system.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 for the purchase of a Reversible Plow for use by the Highway Department of the Town, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$2,600.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account of the Town.

Article 27. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a 10,000 gallon Fuel Tank, complete with ticket-type pump, for use by the Northfield Highway, Police, Fire and Nursing departments.

Article 28. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 and transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for oiling and stoning the surface of South Mountain Road from Route 63 to the intersection of Four Mile Brook Road.

Article 29. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$14,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for oiling and stoning the surface of South Mountain Road from the Gulf Road to the intersection of Four Mile Brook Road.

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 for oiling and stoning the surface of Linden Avenue.

Article 31. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for oiling and stoning the surface of Luckey Clapp Road from Beers Plain Road to the end of the area paved by the State in 1975.

Article 32. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,250.00 for the purpose of spraying or other means, the wetland areas, and to dispose of larvae and adult mosquitoes.

Motion was made at this time to bring forward Article 47.

Article 47. DEFEATED: Yes 45, No 87 - That the Town amend its Protective Regulation By-Law, by adding a new Section, to be designated as Section 5(e), as printed under Article 47 of the Town of Northfield Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated May 2, 1978, and further vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to prepare projected cost estimates for the repair of each of the roads recited in said section to meet minimum safe transportation standards in the event of residential development, and in cooperation with the official boards and interested citizens of the Town, and to present proposals for the future use or discontinuance of said roads for voter action at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 33. VOTED UNAN: That the Town accept a deed therefor from the owners thereof, or take by eminent domain, an easement for the East Interceptor Sewer of the Water Pollution Control Program authorized under Article 6 of the January 19, 1976 Special Town Meeting, said easement more particularly bounded and described as printed under Article 33 of the Town of Northfield Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated May 2, 1978, said easement on land now standing in the name of Northfield Schools, Inc.

Article 34. VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 586 of the Acts of 1977 which Act provides that if the rates and charges due the Town for supplying or providing for a system or rendering service in connection with said system are not paid on or before their due date as established, such rates and charges, together with interests and costs, shall be a lien upon the real estate.

Article 35. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to provide for an audit of the Town's funds in order to comply with the Federal Revenue Sharing requirements.

Article 36. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to provide the necessary funds to comply with the pro-

visions of the Massachusetts Employment Security Law designated as Chapter 720 of the Acts of 1977.

Article 37. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum or \$6,000.00 for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser and related equipment for use of the Police Department of the Town, and further to trade in or dispose of the present cruiser.

Article 38. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the continuing maintenance, purchase of supplies, preservation, indexing and microfilming of Town and/or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 39. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$1,100.00 to provide for the installation and painting of additional cabinets and counters in the dining room of the Town Hall.

Article 40. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$2,500.00 for replacing the front section and other necessary piping on the supply and return header of the boiler in the Town Hall.

Article 41. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$150.00 to provide for raising the burner in the Town Hall from the floor to fire through the boiler door.

Article 42. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$850.00 to provide for the installation of heating equipment in the American Legion Room of the Town Hall.

Article 43. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund.

Article 44. VOTED UNAN: That the Town transfer the sum of \$4,101.12 from the Street Light Account for the Chapter 32B Account.

Article 45. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Street Light Account to supplement the funds appropriated under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 1977 for the excavation and laying of pipe for water service from Pine Street to the Northfield Historical Society Museum.

Article 46. VOTED: That the Town accept the following sums of money, for the following purposes:

- (a) From Pauline M. Alexander, for Perpetual Care of Lot #56A at Mt. Hermon Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00
- (b) From Frank W. and Agnes L. Pearsall, for Perpetual Care of Lot #32A at Mt. Hermon Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00
- (c) From the Estate of Abram Generous, June B. Generous, Executrix, for Perpetual Care of Lot #82 1/2A in West Northfield Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00

Article 48. AMENDED & DEFEATED: Yes 33, No 56 - That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Northfield Public Health Advisory Committee, for the purpose of developing Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for the citizens of Northfield.

Article 49. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of maintaining Town owned cemeteries.

Article 50. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of contracting for street sweeping within the Town.

Article 51. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of contracting for road marking within the Town.

Article 52. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of contracting for cutter bar services for grass mowing along the streets within the Town.

Article 53. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Assessors to use the sum of \$30,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year 1979.

The Meeting was dissolved at 11:15 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 1, 1978

Approximately 125 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant. The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator, and the invocation was given by Mr. Harry Erickson.

The Warrant was read and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town declare that an Industrial Development Financing Authority is needed within the Town and that (1) unemployment or the threat thereof exists in the Town; and (2) security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required in the Town, and that unemployment or the threat thereof can be alleviated or the security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity can be provided, by attracting new industry into the Town or substantially expanding industry existing in the Town through an Industrial Development project or projects financed under Chapter 40D of the Massachusetts General Laws, and further to grant authority to the Selectmen to appoint an Industrial Development Financing Authority in accord with said Chapter 40D of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town establish an economic development and industrial corporation (EDIC) as authorized by Chapter 121C of the Massachusetts General Laws, inasmuch as unemployment or the threat thereof, exists in the Town; that security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required; that attracting new industry into the town and substantially expanding existing industry through an economic development project or projects financed under said Chapter 121C and implemented by such a corporation would alleviate the unemployment and lack of business opportunity problems; and further that the membership of such EDIC

be appointed by the Selectmen of the Town, in accord with the provisions of said Chapter 121C. And further that such EDIC shall be a part of a consolidated EDIC formed with one or more towns within the County of Franklin, the membership of the consolidated Board of Directors and the method of operating the consolidated EDIC shall be by agreement of the EDICs of the combining communities and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs.

Article 3. DEFEATED UNAN: That the Town accept deeds therefor from the owners thereof, or take by eminent domain, for municipal purposes, including but not limited to cemetery needs of the Town, the following described parcel of land, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00:

Land located at 88 Main Street within the Town of Northfield, Franklin County, together with the buildings thereon, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BOUNDED on the north by land formerly of the Unitarian Society, now or formerly of F. Wilton Dean and wife; on the east by Main Street; on the south by land conveyed to Domenic Sicari deAmicus and Winifred Sicari deAmicus by deed dated June 4, 1946 and recorded with Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 893, Page 7; and on the west by the Central Vermont Railway. Containing 4 acres, more or less.

The above parcel is SUBJECT TO the right of way over Youth Hostel Lane, so-called, which lies on the southerly side thereof, which said right-of-way was granted to Domenic Sicari deAmicus, et al by said deed recorded in said Registry in Book 893, Page 7.

BEING all and the same premises conveyed by Old Glory Realty, Inc. to the Renaissance Community, Inc., by deed dated April 2, 1975 and recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1422, Page 169.

Article 4. VOTED: Yes 44, No 39 - That the Town raise and appropriate, the sum of \$588.80 for the purpose of providing repairs, installations and materials including the installation of electrical outlets and other necessary appurtenances to be installed in the Town Garage and offices located on School Street within the Town.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for repairs and supplies to be used for the maintenance of the copy machine in the Town Hall.

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Overlay Reserve Account the sum of \$8,000.00 to be used for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes, such sum to be transferred to the Reserve Account of the Town.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town accept and expend any and all funds available under the provisions of Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1977, an Act providing for funds for Chapter 90-type construction projects, and to transfer from available funds the sum of \$36,626.00 for Fiscal Year 1978 and a like amount for Fiscal Year 1979 for this type of construction, in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, which funds, when received, shall be restored to the General Funds of the Town.

Article 8. VOTED: Yes 70, No 1 - That the Town amend its Protective Regulations By-Law in the following manner:

SECTION 3. Establishment of Districts:

By adding the following sentence at the end of Section 3: "Zoning district boundary lines may only be changed by adoption of an amendment to the by-law."

SECTION 4. Use Regulations:

By adding a new section to be entitled: Section 4.(b)7., to read as follows:

4(b)7: "A special permit may be issued by the Board of Appeals for uses whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production, provided there is a finding that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good."

By adding a new section to be entitled: Section 4.(d), (1) and (2), to read as follows:

4(d)1:

"Upon receipt of an application for a special permit for a non-conforming use, the Board of Appeals shall within 65 days hold a public hearing for which notification shall be given by publication or printing according to MGL, Chapter 40A, Section 11, as amended. The Board of Appeals shall act within 90 days of the date of said hearing. Failure to act shall be deemed to be a grant of the permit applied for."

4(d)2:

"Special permits shall lapse within two (2) years from the date granted and including such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal under MGL Chapter 40A, Section 17, as amended, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause or, in the case of permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause."

SECTION 5. Intensity Regulations:

Section 5.(c) is to be deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 6. General Regulations:

(b) Building and Construction Permits.

The following words at the end of Section 6(b) are to be deleted: "provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended; in particular Section 17, providing for notice to abutters and a public hearing, and Section 18, providing for a written decision by the Board of Appeals." and the following wording is to be substituted therefor: "provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, as amended; in particular, Section 15, providing for notice to abutters; a public hearing and a written decision by the Board of Appeals. Upon issuance of a building permit or special permit, construction or initiation of a special permit use shall commence within six months or conform to any subsequent amendment of the by-laws."

SECTION 7. Administration:

(d) Amendment. - to be deleted in its entirety, and the following substituted therefor:

(d) Amendment. - This By-Law may be amended from time to time at an annual or special Town Meeting in accord with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5, as amended.

November 3, 1978

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendment to zoning by-laws adopted under Article 8 of the warrant for the Northfield Special Town Meeting held August 1, 1978, is hereby approved.

Francis X. Bellotti
Attorney General

Article 9. VOTED: Yes 74, No 4 - That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,757.47 for the following accounts payable, incurred by departments of the Town during prior fiscal years, which were unable to be paid because of an insufficiency of an appropriation, all in accord with Chapter 44, Section 6r of the General Laws of Massachusetts:

Legal Department	\$ 8.92
Special Police Department	526.60
Maintenance of Fire Station and Garage	493.01
Homemaker/Home Health Aide	991.30
Insurance	5,737.64
	<u>\$ 7,757.47</u>

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town adopt a by-law establishing a Council on Aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in coordination with programs of the Department of Elder Affairs, all in accord with Chapter 40, Section 8B of the General Laws of Massachusetts. It is further provided that the Council shall submit an annual report to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the Department of Elder Affairs of the Commonwealth. Said Council shall consist of not less than five, nor more than fifteen members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen from the residents of the Town. The Chairman of the Council shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Selectmen. Appointees shall hold office until successors are designated.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town rescind the vote taken under Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 1978 in which it was voted to transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a 1-ton Stake Body Truck and related equipment for the Highway Department.

Article 12. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a new or current model 1-ton Truck and related equipment for the Highway Department, and to dispose of the 1973 Chevrolet pickup truck and 1969 Chevrolet car after receipt of the 1978 1-ton truck.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town rescind the vote taken under Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 1978 in which it was voted to transfer the sum of \$2,600.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a Reversible Plow for the Highway Department.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$2,600.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of a regular 11-ft. Snow Plow for use by the Highway Department

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for debt service representing the Town's share of the On-Going East Street Sewer Project; said loan was approved under Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held on January 19, 1976.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
TOWN CLERK

STATE PRIMARY

September 19, 1978

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 10:00 in the forenoon the polls were declared open. They were closed at 8:00 p.m. It was determined that 346 votes were cast; (253 Republicans and 93 Democratic) with the following results:

Republican Party

Senator in Congress	
Edward W. Brooke	173
Avi Nelson	78
Blanks	2
Governor	
Francis W. Hatch, Jr.	184
Edward F. King	62
Blanks	7
Lieutenant Governor	
William I. Cowin	141
Peter L. McDowell	84
Blanks	28
Attorney General	
William F. Weld	218
Blanks	35
Secretary	
John W. Sears	217
Blanks	36
Treasurer	
Lewis S. W. Crampton	213
Blanks	40
Auditor	
William A. Casey	213
Blanks	40
Representative in Congress, First District	
Silvio O. Conte	228
Blanks	25
Councillor, Seventh District	
Edward M. O'Brien	1
Stanley Wickey	1
Blanks	251
Senator in General Court, Worcester, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden District	
John Oliver	1
Blanks	252

Representative in General Court, 2nd Franklin District	
Gerald I. Levitch	218
Blanks	35
District Attorney, Northwestern District	
John Finn	82
Thomas G. Simons	162
Blanks	9
Register of Probate & Insolvency, Franklin County	
Joseph P. LaChance	215
Blanks	38
County Commissioner, Franklin County	
Thomas Merrigan	1
Wendell Streeter	1
Charley Brown	1
Everett Hatch	2
Blanks	248
County Treasurer, Franklin County	
Dick Field	1
William Powers	4
Blanks	248
Sheriff, Franklin County	
Robert J. Carmody	193
McQuade	1
Blanks	59

Democratic Party

Senator in Congress	
Kathleen Sullivan Alioto	10
Paul Guzzi	27
Elaine Noble	17
Howard Phillips	2
Paul E. Tsongas	28
Blanks	9
Governor	
Michael S. Dukakis	53
Barbara Ackerman	18
Edward J. King	21
Blanks	1
Lieutenant Governor	
Thomas P. O'Neill, III	73
Blanks	20
Attorney General	
Francis X. Bellotti	71
Blanks	22
Secretary	
Michael Joseph Connolly	12
David E. Crosby	7
John Fulham	4
William James Galvin, Jr.	7
James W. Hennigan, Jr.	4
Lois G. Pines	33
Anthony J. Vigliotti	7
Blanks	19

Treasurer	
Robert Q. Crane	42
Lawrence E. Black	4
Paul R. Cacchiotti	2
Lawrence S. Dicarr	15
Thomas D. Lopes	3
David Philip Moore	6
Blanks	21
Auditor	
Thaddeus Buczko	44
Peter G. Meade	24
Blanks	25
Representative in Congress, First District	
Blanks	93
Councillor, Seventh District	
Leo J. Turo	45
Joseph A. Genduso	14
Blanks	34
Senator in General Court, Worcester, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden District	
Robert D. Wetmore	65
Blanks	28
Representative in General Court, 2nd Franklin District	
William D. Benson	71
Blanks	22
District Attorney, Northwestern District	
Donald P. Dunphy	16
Slavatore A. Polito	6
W. Michael Ryan	10
Jonathon Zachary Souweine	49
Bernard J. Whalen, Jr.	9
Blanks	3
Register of Probate & Insolvency, Franklin County	
John A. Barrett	67
Blanks	26
County Commissioner, Franklin County	
Everett B. Hatch	72
Blanks	21
County Treasurer, Franklin County	
William J. Powers	70
Blanks	23
Sheriff, Franklin County	
Donald J. McQuade	49
Ronald M. Andrews	28
Blanks	16

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
TOWN CLERK

STATE ELECTION

November 7, 1978

At the place and time set forth, the Clerk read the Warrant and the polls were declared open at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. It was determined that 942 ballots had been cast with the following results:

Senator in Congress	
Edward W. Brooke	555
Paul E. Tsongas	368
Blanks	19
Governor-Lieutenant Governor	
Hatch and Cowin	673
King and O'Neill	239
Dukakis and O'Neill	2
Blanks	28
Attorney General	
Francis X. Bellotti	561
William F. Weld	349
Blanks	32
Secretary	
Michael Joseph Connolly	339
John W. Sears	516
Blanks	87
Treasurer	
Robert Q. Crane	390
Lewis S. W. Crampton	474
Blanks	78
Auditor	
Thaddeus Buczko	380
Timothy F. O'Brien	486
Blanks	76
Representative in Congress, First District	
Silvio O. Conte	823
Marilyn Barrett	1
M. Dukakis	1
Blanks	117
Councillor, Seventh District	
Leo J. Turo	381
Les Harvey	370
Blanks	191
Senator in General Court, Worcester, Franklin, Hampden & Hampshire District	
Robert D. Wetmore	655
Blanks	287
Representative in General Court, 2nd Franklin District	
William D. Benson	403
Gerald I. Levitch	501
Blanks	38
District Attorney, Northwestern District	
Thomas G. Simons	664
Jonathan Zachary Souweine	232
John Finn	1
Blanks	45

Register of Probate & Insolvency, Franklin County

John A. Barrett	376
Joseph P. LaChance	509
Blanks	57
County Commissioner, Franklin County	
Everett B. Hatch	719
Blanks	223
County Treasurer, Franklin County	
William J. Powers	723
Blanks	219
Sheriff, Franklin County	
Robert J. Carmody	445
Donald J. McQuade	374
Michele Cascone	74
Blanks	49

Question No. 1 To establish different classes of real property for tax purposes.

Yes	392
No	498
Blanks	52

Question No. 2 To allow governor not serving in preceding year to submit proposed budget to legislature.

Yes	583
No	260
Blanks	99

Question No. 3 Sending information about ballot questions to all eligible voters.

Yes	599
No	247
Blanks	96

Question No. 4 State census residence to be determined in accordance with standards used by U.S. when taking Federal census.

Yes	563
No	271
Blanks	108

Question No. 5 Allowing local charter commission 18 months after its election to prepare charter or revision for submission to voters of city or town.

Yes	427
No	368
Blanks	147

Question No. 6 Student could neither be assigned to nor denied admittance to public school on basis of race, color, national origin or creed.

Yes	525
No	337
Blanks	80

Question No. 7 Establishing different method of property taxation for land used for recreational purposes & land preserved in natural state.

Yes	476
No	369
Blanks	97

Question No. 8 Bill requiring reduction and limitation of
local property taxes.

Yes	527
No	251
Blanks	164

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1978

Male Dogs	109
Female	6
Female (Spayed)	103
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	12
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	4

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1978

Resident Citizen Fishing	75
Resident Citizen Hunting	89
Resident Citizen Sporting	82
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	6
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Non-Resident Citizen/Alien 7-day Fishing	4
Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing	43
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting (Small Game)	4
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Commercial	
Shooting Preserve 3-day.	0
Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	2
Resident Citizen Trapping	1
Duplicates	1
Resident Alien Hunting	0
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting (Big Game)	8
Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70	32
Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic,	
Blind, Metally Retarded	1
Resident Citizen Hunting Paraplegic	1
Archery Stamps	20
Mass. Waterfowl Stamps	19
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69	1

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1978

Innholder	0
Raffles-Bazaars	4
Gasoline and Fuel	4
Auctioneer Licenses	1
1-Day Auctioneer's License	0

Respectfully submitted,
Horace F. Field
TOWN CLERK

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT 1978

Northfield's Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1978. Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

The Commission also has served on the Committee appointed to study the cemetery needs of the town.

We wish to report the following receipts:

From the Estate of Abram Generous, June B. Generous, Executrix, 1 Generous St., Brattleboro, Vermont, for Lot #82½A in West Northfield Cemetery	\$ 35.00
From June B. Generous for Perpetual Care of Lot #82½A in West Northfield Cemetery	100.00
From Pearl B. Allen for Lot #174 in West Northfield Cemetery	50.00
From Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth, 56 Orchard St., Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lots #167 & 168 in West Northfield Cemetery	175.00
From Roland F. Bardwell, Claremont, New Hampshire, for Perpetual Care of Mary E. Bardwell and Aldrich Lot #76½ in West Northfield Cemetery	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$ 560.00

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Bassett
Roger E. Bassett
Horace F. Field
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The main purpose of your Finance Committee is to oversee and guide Town spending by carefully reviewing each department's proposed budget. In addition, each article presented on the Warrant is carefully explored before the Committee makes a recommendation. We strive to keep anticipated expenditures low in order to maintain or reduce our present tax rate.

During the year, we meet to review expenditures to date and to make recommendations to the Selectmen if any departments appear to be over expended.

One of our goals in 1978-79 has been to modernize budget formats so that the amount of salaries paid by each department is identified, as well as total cost for materials, etc. Due to the problems of inflation and a need to maintain the tax rate, each department was asked to keep its budget at the same dollar amount as last year, if possible, with the exception that increases in salaries as suggested by national guide lines would be considered.

We compliment each department for their cooperation in presenting a budget compatible with the needs of the Town, yet recognizing the need for controlled spending.

We have also recommended to the Selectmen that the Omnibus Article in the Town Warrant be presented in such a manner that cost comparisons from last year will be displayed. This will provide townspeople with a better understanding of any increases in this article and will result in the voter making a better judgment at Town Meeting.

Meetings of the Finance Committee are held monthly. We welcome suggestions and extend a welcome to each of you to attend a meeting and to discuss any concern you may have regarding our Town's financial status.

Members of this year's Committee are:

Stanley Wickey, Chairman
Phyllis J. Derigon, Secretary
Robert Johnston
Charles Handren
Reynold Henry
Grace Randall

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday, the seventh day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Moderator for three years; Town Clerk for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; Treasurer for three years; two School Committee members for three years; one Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee member for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Tree Warden for three years; one Planning Board member for one year; one Planning Board member for two years; one Planning Board member for five years; one Board of Health member for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for three years; one Recreation Commission member for one year; and two Recreation Commission members for three years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, May 8, 1979 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 258, Section 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to indemnify town employees, on a case by case basis by vote of the Town, from personal financial loss and expenses, including legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, action, award, compromise, settlement or judgment by reason of an intentional tort, or by reason of any act or omission which constitutes a violation of the civil rights of any person under any federal or state law, if such employee or official at the time of such intentional tort or such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment. No such employee or official shall be indemnified under this section for violation of any such civil rights if he acted in a grossly negligent, willful or malicious manner; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 258, Section 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to indemnify town employees from personal financial loss and expenses, including legal fees and costs, if any, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money, not to exceed one million dollars arising out of any claim, action, award, compromise, settlement or judgment by reason of an intentional tort, or by reason of any act or omission which constitutes a violation of the civil rights of any person under any federal or state law; if such employee or official at the time of such intentional tort or such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment. No such employee or official shall be indemnified under this section for violation of any such civil rights if he acted in a grossly negligent, willful or malicious manner; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year '80, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

TITLE	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
	1979	1980
Moderator		
Salary	54.00	58.00
Expenses	46.00	50.00
Finance Committee Expenses	75.00	75.00
Selectmen	1979	1980
Chairman	995.50	1066.00
Members	940.00	1005.00
Expenses	2000.00	2000.00
Secretary	2827.00	4088.00
Accountant		
Salary	4000.00	4280.00
Expenses	200.00	200.00

Treasurer			
Salary	2560.00	2739.00	
Expenses	1450.00	1450.00	
Tax Title Foreclosure Cost	350.00	350.00	
Protection Tax Title Property	25.00	25.00	
Interest	900.00	500.00	
Tax Collector			
Salary	2415.00	2584.00	
Expenses	2000.00	2500.00	
Assessors	1979	1980	2560.00
Chairman	890.00	952.00	
Others	835.00	893.00	
Expense			2200.00
Town Counsel			
Fee			3500.00
Litigation			1000.00
Expenses			500.00
Town Clerk			
Salary			1447.00
Expenses			200.00
Elections and Registrations			2500.00
Town Reports			1500.00
Planning Board Expenses			700.00
Appeals Board Expenses			250.00
Town Hall			
Wage - Custodian)			12000.00
Maintenance)			
Copy Machine Paper, Supplies & Repairs			1000.00
Town Clock			150.00
Board of Health	1979	1980	618.00
Each Member	206.00	220.00	
Sewer Commission			618.00
Each Member	206.00	220.00	
Elementary School Committee			835.00
	1979	1980	
Each Member	167.00	178.00	
<u>Total</u>			53355.50

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department			
Chief Salary	14734.00	14606.00*	
*Chief Schmitter received 13650.00			
Special Police Wages)	7200.00	8350.00	
Chief's Vacation Replacement Account)	1000.00		
Expenses	9000.00	9165.00	
Secretary	2827.00	4088.00	
Fire Department			
Chief Salary	500.00	535.00	
Forest Fire Warden	200.00	200.00	
Public Safety	100.00	100.00	
Wages-Members (24)	-- *	6610.00	
*Included in Operating Expenses in 1979.			
Secretary	150.00	150.00	
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	9500.00	3800.00	
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	
Hose and Equipment	2500.00	2500.00	

Water Holes	1000.00	1000.00
Maintenance Fire Station	4500.00	7000.00
Tree Department		
Wages	-- *	5900.00
*Included in item below in 1979.		
Tree Trimming, Planting & Dutch Elm	6400.00	500.00
Insect and Pest Control	413.06	413.06
Wire Inspector		
Salary	1200.00	1200.00
Expenses	--	100.00
Building Commissioner		
Salary	4000.00	4280.00
Expenses	450.00	400.00
Civil Defense	1868.00	750.00
<u>Total</u>	68042.06	72147.06

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health		
Nurse and Substitute	13780.00	14744.00
Nurse's Expense	800.00	800.00
Homemaker/Home Health Services	5000.00	6000.00
Clerk	2827.00	900.00
Car Expense	500.00	550.00
Night Nurse	--	3200.00
Supervisor	--	900.00
Health	2000.00	1500.00
Dog Officer	400.00	500.00
Animal Inspector	477.00	477.00
Sewer		
Expense of Commissioner	75.00	75.00
Operation of Sewers		
Wages)		
Plant Operation)	25735.00	16528.00
Landfill		
Wages)		
Expenses)	9500.00	4776.00
Mosquitoe Spraying	3250.00	8887.00
<u>Total</u>	64344.00	3445.00

TOWN ROADS AND RELATED EXPENSES

Highway Department		
Supt. Expenses	750.00	760.00
Wages		
1979 Vacations, Etc.	8172.00	55362.00
Other Wages 1979 included in following items below		19343.00*
*Snow Removal		
Highway Tools)		
Garage Tools)	1500.00	1000.00
Snow Removal	29000.00	2000.00
Machinery Maintenance	34000.00	23517.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	50000.00	34310.00
Culverts	--	24660.00
Sidewalks	2000.00	3848.50

Street Lights	28000.00	25000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	50.00	25.00
<u>Total</u>	153472.00	191825.50

VETERANS

Memorial Day	515.00	620.00
Soldiers Relief	6000.00	4500.00
<u>Total</u>	6515.00	5120.00

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

Recreation Program	6000.00	5800.00
Maintenance Athletic Field	600.00	600.00
Conservation Commission	200.00	200.00
Fish	300.00	300.00
<u>Total</u>	7100.00	6900.00

CEMETERIES

Cemetery		
Wages & Contractual Services)	2000.00	1900.00
Expenses)		100.00
<u>Total</u>	2000.00	2000.00

LIBRARIES

Dickinson Library		
Salaries & Wages)	25374.00	16209.00
Expenses)		8045.00
Northfield Farms Library	250.00	250.00
<u>Total</u>	25624.00	24504.00

EDUCATION

Elementary School	387382.00	406424.00
PVRS Operation	402285.03	415886.42
Franklin County Tech. Dist. Cap.	18056.05	16871.82
Franklin County Tech. Dist. Operation	106062.24	97352.30
<u>Total</u>	913785.32	936534.54

MISCELLANEOUS

Historical Building	200.00	200.00
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00
Alexander Hall	400.00	400.00
Insurance	30000.00	37500.00
Chapter 32B (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	22500.00	24750.00
Land Damage	100.00	100.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00	25.00
<u>Total</u>	53425.00	63175.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	1347662.88	1429346.10

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Reserve Fund any sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund for the current fiscal year as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$9,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing funds to comply with the provisions of the Massachusetts Employment Security Law designated as Chapter 720 of the Acts of 1977, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$5,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for such employee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2,140.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,140.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a new electric typewriter to be used by the Board of Assessors, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate any sum or sums of money provided by the County, designated as the 'Dog Fund', to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

To be appropriated: \$527.69

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$_____ already received from the Commonwealth for public library purposes, in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing Mental Health and Retardation Services for citizens of the Town, and that any sum so appropriated be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee or the Board of Health, or under their joint direction, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Select-

men, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2,431.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,431.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the Council on Aging for the purpose of providing home care, nutrition services, and other expenses to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, for an amount not to exceed Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts Corporation, a sum of \$3,000.00, to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year '80 under the Town's contract for the provisions of ambulance service, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town, including acquisition of additional land therefor, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a new lawn mower for general use for the Town's Cemeteries, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept any or all of the following sums of money, for the following purposes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

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|---|----------|
| (a) From Roland F. Bardwell, P.O.Box 1196, Claremont, N.H., for Perpetual Care of Mary E. Bardwell (and Aldrich) Lot #76½ in West Northfield Cemetery | \$200.00 |
| (b) From Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth, for Perpetual Care of Lots #167 & 168 in West Northfield Cemetery | \$175.00 |

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend a sum of money that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, for Fiscal Year 1980 Chapter 90-type construction, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to accept.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Machinery Earnings Account of the Town, the sum of \$1,300.00, to the Machinery Maintenance Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a 1979 - 1980 Diesel Dump Truck and related equipment for the Highway Department, and further to dispose of the 1971 International Truck Chassis, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$32,500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$32,500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for insulating the metal building at the rear of the Highway Garage, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$8,047.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the installation of a heating system in the metal building at the rear of the Highway Garage, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1,000.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,527.71 from the Gulf Road Account to the Highways, Bridges and Railings Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money to purchase safety equipment for use by the Northfield Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase six (6) new tires for the Town's Road Grader, and two (2) new tires for the Town's Bucket Loader, or pass any vote

or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2,285.38

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,285.38.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$175.00 for expenses incurred by the Highway Department during Fiscal Year 1978, which was unable to be paid during said Fiscal Year, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Highway Dept: to be paid to Metro Weather Service \$175.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00

Article 30. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to join the Franklin Regional Transit Authority pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 161B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept a deed or deeds from the owners of land granting a fee simple interest in real estate bounded and described as follows, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Beginning at a stone bound, said bound being 215.71 feet westerly of a Massachusetts Highway Bound on the westerly line of Main Street; thence southerly along the westerly line of Pentecost Road a distance of 142.50 feet to a point on the northerly line of Pentecost Road; thence westerly along the northerly line of Pentecost Road a distance of 5.00 feet to a point; thence northerly along the land of Elsie Scott a distance of 142.50 feet to a point; thence easterly along land now or formerly of the Northfield Schools, Inc. a distance of 5.00 feet to a stone bound and the place of beginning.

Containing 712.5 square feet.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed by deed of Marion E. Smart to Elsie Scott dated July 9, 1964 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1168, Page 680.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept from the owner of land an easement for storm drainage purposes and sloping easements, over, under and across land more particularly bounded and described as follows, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Beginning at an existing culvert (44" x 72" x 30' metal pipe), said pipe being on the Four Mile Brook Road, approximately 0.4 miles south of the intersection of the Four Mile Brook Road and South Mountain Road and on the west side of the road near said Beaman's home, not to exceed twenty (20) feet from the center of said culvert nor to extend more than one hundred (100) feet north and south from the center of said culvert.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Edith I. Beaman and Jack B. Beaman by deed dated October 11, 1946 and recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 901, Page 208.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the continuing maintenance, purchase of supplies, preservation, indexing and microfilming of Town or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1,700.00

The Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a new commercial type vacuum cleaner for the Town Hall, trade-in the present Electrolux vacuum cleaner, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$350.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to furnish, install and paint forty-seven (47) new sash in the six existing semi-circular window frames in the auditorium of the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$13,000.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to furnish, install and paint one pair of doors, including all necessary hardware, for the front entrance to the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2,350.00

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the excavation and sealing of the outside, downstairs foundation walls of the Town Hall to prevent water seepage, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 41 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 7, 1949 to allow the Town to convert a portion of the upstairs room in the Town Hall used by the Posts of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for office space, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase and installation of aluminum storm and screen windows, and painting of existing sash for the Northfield Fire Station and Garage building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$504.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$504.00.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase and installation of insulation in the attic of the Northfield Fire Station, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1,300.00

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of installing insulation in the attic of the Northfield Elementary School, North Building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2,800.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law establishing an Historic District and an Historic District Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 40C, General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 168, Acts of 1975, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW

Section I. This by-law shall be known as the Northfield Historic District By-Law and is adopted pursuant to Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended.

Section II. Purpose: The purpose of this by-law is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Northfield or their architecture.

Section III. Historic District: There is hereby established under the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws an historic district to be known as the Main Street Historic District, which district shall be bounded as shown on Map #1 entitled "Main Street. Historic District, 1979," attached and made part of this by-law.

A written description of the district and Map #1 are filed with the Northfield Town Clerk and with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

Section IV. Historic District Commission Membership: There is hereby established under Chapter 40C of the General Laws an Historic District Commission consisting of seven members and three alternate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, including one member, where possible, from two nominees submitted by the Northfield Historical Society, one member where possible, from two nominees, one of whom shall be submitted by the Massachusetts State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and one of whom

shall be submitted by the Conway School of Landscape Design and one member, where possible, from two nominees of the Board of Realtors covering Northfield. The Selectmen shall appoint the Commission as required by this section within thirty days next following the Annual Town Meeting. At least two members and one alternate of the Commission shall be residents of the District. When the Commission is first established, two members and one alternate shall be appointed for one year, two members and one alternate shall be appointed for two years, and three members and one alternate shall be appointed for three years.* Successors shall each be appointed for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled within 60 days by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired term. In the case of absence, inability to act, or unwillingness to act because of self-interest by a member, the Chairman shall designate an alternate member of the Commission to act for a specified time. All members shall serve without compensation. The Commission shall elect annually a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Commission and shall be elected within 60 days of the Annual Town Meeting. All meetings of the Historic District Commission shall require a quorum of no fewer than 5 members. All votes of the Commission shall be carried by a majority vote of those present and voting.

(*Additional membership suggestions: Lawyer, professional historian, additional residents of district, member of Planning Board, member of Conservation Commission, individuals interested in historic preservation.)

Section V. Duties and Powers of the Commission: The Historic District Commission shall have all the powers and duties of Historic District Commissions as provided by the Historic District Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended.

A. GENERAL REGULATORY POWERS: The Commission shall review the proposed design of new construction, reconstructions, alterations, movements, and demolitions of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District as set forth on Map #1; that is to say any of the above which front on Main Street.

B. CONSIDERATIONS: The Commission shall consider the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, building or structure, the general design arrangement of the features involved, and the relation of such features to similar features of building or proposed buildings or structures or proposed structures in the surrounding area. In the case of new construction or additions to existing buildings or structures, the Commission shall consider the size and shape of the building or structure both in relation to the land area upon which the building or structure is situated and to buildings and structures in the vicinity.

Section VI. Limitations and Exemptions:

A. The Historic District Commission shall make no recommendations nor requirement with regard to new construction, reconstruction or addition except for the purpose of preventing developments incompatible with the architectural characteristics in the existing surroundings and with the Historic District.

B. The Following items do not fall within the consideration of the

Historic District Commission:

1. Design
 - a. Maintenance and repair of any exterior architectural feature which does not involve a basic change in design.
 - b. Color of the exterior of the building or structure.
 - c. Color of the roof.
2. Conversion
 - a. Constructions, demolitions or alterations under orders issued by a building inspector or similar agent for the purpose of public safety.
 - b. Reconstruction substantially similar in exterior design to a building, structure, or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm, or other disaster provided such reconstruction is begun within one year from date of damage or unless an extension be granted by the Historic Commission.
3. Landscaping
 - a. Decorative plantings.
 - b. Terraces, walks, sidewalks, driveways and parking lots and other similar structures.
4. Appurtenances
 - a. Storm doors, storm windows.
 - b. Screen doors, screen windows.
 - c. Air conditioners and antennae.

Section VII. Procedures:

A. For applicant.

1. Except as this by-law provides in Section 5, no building or structure within the historic district shall be constructed or altered in any way that affects exterior architectural features unless the Commission shall first have issued a certificate of appropriateness, a certificate of non-applicability or a certificate of hardship with respect to such construction or alteration. No building permit shall be issued for any building or structure within the historic district until the certificate required by this section has been issued by the Commission.

2. Applications for a certificate of appropriateness, a certificate of non-applicability or a certificate of hardship shall be filed with the Historic District Commission who will forward copies to the following:

Building Inspector
Town Clerk
Planning Board
Selectmen

3. Applications shall be in the form specified by the Commission. The application to include plans and elevations drawn to scale and detailed enough to show the architectural design of the building or structure. Plot and site plans shall be filed when applications for certificates are made for improvements affecting appearances, such as walls, fences, steps and paving. In the case of demolition or removal, the application must in-

clude a statement of the proposed condition and appearance of the property thereafter.

B. For Commission

1. A commission shall determine promptly, and in all events within fourteen days after the filing of an application for a certificate of appropriateness, a certificate of non-applicability or a certificate of hardship, as the case may be, whether the application involves any exterior architectural features which are subject to approval by the Commission. If a commission determines that such application involves any such features which are subject to approval by the Commission the Commission shall hold a public hearing on such application unless such hearing is dispensed with as hereinafter provided.

2. The Commission shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing on any application and shall give public notice of the time, place and purposes thereof at least fourteen days before said hearing in such manner as it may determine, and by mailing, postage prepaid, a copy of said notice to the applicant, to the owners of all adjoining property and other property deemed by the Commission to be materially affected thereby as they appear on the most recent real estate tax list of the Board of Assessors, to the Planning Board, to any person filing written request for notice of hearings.

3. As soon as convenient after such public hearing but in any event within sixty days after the filing of the application or within such further time as the applicant may allow in writing, the Commission shall make a determination on the application.

4. A public hearing on an application need not be held if such hearing is waived in writing by all persons entitled to notice thereof. In addition, a public hearing on an application may be waived by the Commission if the Commission determines that the exterior architectural feature involved or its category or color, as the case may be, is so insubstantial in its effect on the historic district that it may be reviewed by the Commission without public hearing on the application, provided, however, that if the Commission dispenses with a public hearing on an application, notice of the application shall be given to the owners of all adjoining property and other property deemed by the Commission to be materially affected thereby as above provided and ten days shall elapse after the mailing of such notice before the Commission may act upon such application.

5. A certificate of Appropriateness shall be issued to the applicant if the Commission determines that the proposed construction or alteration will be appropriate for or compatible with the preservation or protection of the historic district. In the case of disapproval of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Commission shall place upon its records the reasons for such determination and cause a notice of its determination, including the reasons therefore as set forth in the records of the Commission, to be issued to the applicant. The Commission may make recommendations to the applicant with respect to appropriateness of design. Prior to the issuance of any disapproval, the Commission may notify the applicant of its proposed action, accompanied by recommendations of changes in the applicant's proposal which, if made, would make the

application acceptable to the Commission. If within 14 days of the receipt of such notice, the applicant files a written modification of his application in conformity with the recommended changes of the Commission, the Commission shall issue a Certificate of Appropriateness.

6. Upon request, the Commission may issue a Certificate of non-applicability to any applicant whose request does not require Commission approval.

7. If an application is deemed inappropriate or if application is made for a Certificate of Hardship, the Commission may issue such a Certificate of Hardship if: (a) conditions affect only the building or structure involved, but not affecting the historic district; (b) failure to approve an application would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the applicant, and approval would not involve substantial detriment to the public welfare. A Certificate of Hardship shall also be issued in the event that the Commission does not make a determination on an application within the time specified in Section 7B4 of this by-law.

8. Each certificate shall be dated and signed, and the Commission shall keep a permanent record of its determinations and of the vote of each member participating therein, and shall file a copy or notice of certificates and determinations of disapproval with the Town Clerk and the Building Inspector.

9. An applicant may, within twenty days of the decision by the Commission, appeal to a superior court sitting in equity. The Commission must pay costs only if it appears to the court that the Commission has acted with gross negligence, bad faith or malice.

10. Violation of any of the provisions of this by-law shall incur a fine of not less than twenty dollars, each day constituting a separate offense.

Section VIII. In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Section IX. Effective Date: Following Town Meeting approval, this by-law takes effect immediately when the following conditions have been met: (a) approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth; (b) filing of the map of the boundaries and written description of the Historic District with the Northfield Town Clerk, the Northfield Building Inspector, and the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

The Planning Board recommends the adoption of Historic District for Main Street.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for expenses to be incurred by the Northfield Historic District Study Committee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$200.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of at least five (5) members to study the possibility of assuming the assets and liabilities of the Northfield Water District and the East Northfield Water Company, and to present its report to the Town at the next annual or special Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8G, allowing the Northfield Police Department to enter into a Mutual Aid contract with other Franklin County towns, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 46. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a study committee of not less than five persons to investigate the formation of a regional Police Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 47. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to allow the combination of the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Regulation By-Law for the Town of Northfield by adding a new section to be designated as follows:

Section 10. Flood Plain District Regulations:

A. Flood Plain District

The Flood Plain District is herein established as an overlay district and includes all special flood hazard areas designated as Zone A, A1-30 on the Northfield Flood Insurance Rate Maps, (FIRM), and the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, dated September 29, 1978, on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board and Building Official. These maps as well as the accompanying Northfield Flood Insurance Study are incorporated herein by reference.

B. Development Regulations

The following requirements apply in the Flood Plain District:

1. Within Zones A1-30, all new construction and substantial improvements (the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure) of residential and non-residential structures shall have the lowest floor, including basement or cellar, elevated to or above the base flood elevation (the 100-year flood elevation designated on the FIRM) or in the case of non-residential structures be floodproofed watertight to the base flood level.
2. Within Zone A, where the base flood elevation is not provided on the FIRM, the applicant shall produce any already existing, reasonable, base flood elevation data and it shall be used to meet the requirements of B. 1 above.

* Subject to up-dating.

3. Where watertight floodproofing of a structure is permitted, a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify to the Building Official that the methods used are adequate to withstand the flood depths, pressures and velocities, impact and uplift forces and other factors associated with the 100-year flood.

4. In the floodway, designated on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction substantial improvements, and other development unless certification by a registered professional engineer or architect is provided by the applicant demonstrating that encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the 100-year flood.
- b. If Section B.4 (a) above is satisfied, all new construction and substantial improvements shall comply with all provisions of Section B.

C. Health Regulation Pertaining to the Flood Plain District
The Board of Health in reviewing all proposed water and sewer facilities to be located in the Flood Plain District established under the Zoning By-Law shall require:

1. New and replacement water supply systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems, and
2. New and replacement sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters.

D. Subdivision Standards in the Flood Plain District
All subdivision proposals and other proposed new development shall be reviewed to determine whether such proposals will be reasonably safe from flooding. If any part of a subdivision proposal or other new development is located within the Flood Plain District, established under the Zoning By-Law, it shall be reviewed to assure compliance with the following:

1. The proposal is designed consistent with the need to minimize flood damage,
2. All public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage,
3. Adequate drainage systems shall be provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards, and
4. Base flood elevation (the level of the 100-year flood) data shall be provided for proposals greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, for that portion within the Flood Plain District.

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year '80, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to approve of any tax assessments in excess of a Tax Cap as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy nine.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Edward I. Metcalf
Ralph K. Leach

A True copy ATTEST:

CONSTABLE
Joseph G. Morgan

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